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INMATES LIVING IN SQUALID CELLS AND WAITING DAYS FOR SHOWERS



INMATES are living in 'squalid' accommodation and having to wait up to four days for a shower at a Staffordshire young of-fenders institution, a new report reveals. Drugs are readily available with one in

five prisoners saying they developed a drug habit while in Swinfen Hall, it is claimed. Violence has risen at the institution and new prisoners are treated without sufficient

care, the report states.

Inspectors said Swinfen Hall had 'declined significantly' since an inspection in 2014 when it was considered 'satisfactory'.

Chief Inspector of prisons, Peter Clarke, said the category C facility for men aged 18 swinfen Hall YOI which is not safe enough, inspectors say

lacked care'. The report said use of force had risen markedly but accountability for its use was weak, and that the majority of the accommodation was 'squalid'. During the six months before inspectors

visited the prison, staff used force 180 times – a 45 per cent rise on the same period prior to the previous inspection. Many cells had windows without glass,

Many cells had windows without glass, leaving young men exposed to the elements. The prison, which houses 599 inmates with a capacity of 624 near Lichfield, saw 43 per cent of prisoners locked in their cells during the working day, while activity spaces were 'not well used', training was 'variable', work 'mundane' and the qualifications on offer were 'too basic'. Mr

Clarke said: "A new governor arrived during the week of our inspection, presenting the opportunity to set a new direction for the prison. The need for strong leadership is clear if decline is to be arrested and a new

vision for the prison successful."

It comes after an 18-year-old prisoner was found hanged in his cell a day after arriving.

Joshua Collinson was transferred to

Swinfen Hall last September 2 but was found dead by staff the next day. The latest report revealed that an investigation into the circumstances identified weaknesses

that had not been 'adequately addressed'.
Michael Spurr, of the National Offender
Management Service, said the governor had
a 'clear action plan' following the report.

POLICE Anti-social behaviour reports rise by 26pc

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour is on the rise in Cannock Chase after incidents increased by 26 per cent in one month.

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There were 236 reports in the district in
February – 49 more than January.
The highest number of incidents recorded in the last two years was the 306
complaints made to Staffordshire Police last July.

But reports had steadily fallen since then

But reports had steadily fallen since then with 191, 184 and 187 made in November, December and January respectively.
Cannock Chase Commander Chief Inspector Geoffrey Knight has previously spoken out about officers moving to clamp down on ASB during February with extra patrols in hotspots including Rugeley.

Fight to get money spent on communities, urges chief

SALES IL £50

CASH-STRAPPED Staffordshire County Council has made nearly £50 million in the last four years by selling off its land - including the former West Cannock Collieries site in Hednesford.

The council sells off its land for housing, business developments and other uses. The controversial sale of the land at Pye Green Valley in other uses. The controversial sale of the land at Pye Green Valley in Hednesford for nearly £9m forms part of the £48,093,554.15 the council has made selling off 135 plots since 2013.

The huge figures raised have been revealed as the authority has signed off on a series of funding cuts to services including drug and alcohol support.

The sale of land at Pye Green Valley for £8,791,601 was controversial back in 2015 as residents and councillors fought to keep it as open space. But the land of the former West Cannock Collieries had plans approved for 425 homes, which are being built by Persimmon Homes.

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approved for 425 homes, which are being built by Persimmon Homes.

Councillor George Adamson, a Hednesford county councillor and the leader of Cannock Chase District Council, said he had to fight to have some of the money reinvested in the area. He said: "When I knew they were selling the land I did negotiate a deal that a third of the money was put back in to the district.

"We used some of the money for the all-weather pitch at the former Cannock Stadium site. We wanted a fair proportion of the money put back into the district.

"The county council has sold lots of land but are not investing the money they make in services, like we got them to do with the all-weather pitch.

"The money just disappears and at the same time they are putting up council tax and cutting services. Unless there are strong calls for the money to be reinvested

also show that the council made nearly £12m from land at Watery Lane in Codsall. Other big sales for the county council included £2.7m from the land at North Walls car park in Stafford, £1.8m from the 154 near Wolverhampton and more than £1.6m from the former Westhorpe and The Laurels residential care homes in Stafford. Ian Parry, deputy leader of the council and cabinet member for finance, said: "We have been taking a fresh look at our assets and marketing those we no longer have use for to support new jobs, homes, healthcare and wider investment in Staffordshire. "Money raised from land sales since 2013 has been put towards building schools, roads, superfast broadband and extra care facilities, as well as creating industrial estates such as i54 South Staffordshire, Redhill in Stafford and Liberty Park in Lichfield to attract and safeguard new and existing jobs for the benefit of residents."

This complies with rules governing how the revenue from land sales can be seen.

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Tiger Syas bows out of circus life



Syas has not performed in Chipperfield Circus shows for two years and has now moved to a zoo

A tiger that was kept by Chipperfield Circus for more than two years without performing – because of his short attention span – has moved to a zoo. Circus bosses, who house their big cats off the A5 in Norton Canes between tours, confirmed that Syas had not appeared in shows since 2014. News of Syas' departure comes after the entertainment firm announced their tigress Nadia had died of natural causes, aged 21, in February. Bosses

nows for two years and has now moved to a zeo said they had kept Syas on to keep his brother Altai company but now they had 'grown apart'.

A post on 'An Evening with Lions and Tigers' Facebook page said: 'We stopped including Syas in our shows back in 2014 as his personality did not fit with performing. He has a very short attention span and likes to do his own thing. Like people animals are individuals – some take to working and newforming very well such as Syas' brother Altai.' imals are individuals – some take to working a performing very well such as Syas' brother Altai

HOUSING

£250,000 scheme to improve estate

A QUARTER of a million pounds is set to be invested to spruce up a Cannock housing estate.

The cash windfall comes as part of

a project to develop the first council homes in Cannock in a quarter of a century.
The Moss Road scheme, to deliver

11he Moss Hodu scrienie, to deliver 141 homes including 65 council properties at the Chadsmoor site, was approved in 2014 and is more than halfway finished.

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CRIME

Games and tobacco taken in Tesco raid

CIGARETTES and Xbox and PlayStation games were stolen during a burglary at Tesco in Cannock.

Tesco in Cannock.

Brazen thieves forced their way into the supermarket in Heath Way before driving off in a car. The value or number of cigarettes is not yet known.

Officers from Staffordshire Police were called to the shop at 2.30am on Monday.

A Tesco spokesperson said: "We are assisting police with their inquiries." Police are appealing for help.

Anyone who saw three men acting suspiciously should call police on 101 quoting reference number 0055 of March 13.

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Body of missing man found on Chase



A BODY has been discovered on Cannock Chase which police believe to be that of missing Rugeley man Carl Wood. Staffordshire Police stated that officers had 'enough proof' to identify the man as the 54-year-old.

Mr Wood was last seen at the start of this month in the Cheadle area, near Stoke-on-Trent.

Stoke-on-Trent. A day later, he was reported missing, prompting officers to launch an extensive search across the Cannock Chase district and surrounding areas.

Then the force confirmed that the

and rescue team, adding that there was

A police statement issued on Saturday said: "The body found in Cannock Chase this morning is believed to be the missing person Carl Wood.

Search

"Officers are confident they have

"Carl, who was 54, was last seen on Wednesday 1 March and was reported missing a day later.

"Since then, an extensive search has

"Sadly his body was found by Staf-fordshire Search and Rescue at 11am

"Officers do not believe there are any suspicious circumstances.
"His family have been informed and are being offered the services of special."

are being offered the services of specialist officers during this difficult time," the statement added.
"Both Carl's family and Staffordshire Police would like to thank everyone who has been involved in helping to search

Man given life sentence or murder of friend

A MAN has been given a life sen tence in prison for murdering his housemate.

Gareth Rowton, aged 35, is already serving an 11-and-a-half-year sentence for the wounding of David Stanton, after the pair were involved in an altercation in an alleyway outside their home in Old Fallow Road, Cansack as Navarches 2021. nock, on November 9, 2012.

As a result of the injuries he received,
Mr Stanton was taken to hospital and remained in care for the rest of his life.
He died on June 29, 2015 at the age of

61 and a forensic post-mortem examination established the cause of death was delayed

estanished the cause of death was delayed complications of a severe brain injury. Following his death, detectives were authorised to charge Rowton with murder by the Crown Prosecution Service, on behalf of the Attorney General.

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Rowton pleaded guilty at Stafford Crown
Court on Friday to murder and has now
been handed a life sentence, to serve a minimum term of nine years, 305 days.

Alcohol

for the rest of his life.

"David's family are as devastated now as
they were five years ago – at which point
they felt they lost the happy, funny and intelligent man they once knew.

"Despite the friendship David and Ga-

reth shared, they did have what has been described as violent rows, which often re-

described as violent rows, which often re-sulted in injury, due to the amount of alco-hol they consumed."

"On this occasion the row escalated out of control and resulted in David's serious injuries which ultimately led to his death vears later.



A SUPER-FIT 83-year-old has been clocking up the pounds for charity in races at Disney World in Florida

Ron Patton ran in the 5km and 10km races at Disney World and came in around 1,900th place, ahead of more than 9,000 others.

He decided to raise funds for Norton Canes-based Abducted An-gels after his daughter employed its founder Sean Felton to decorate her house. Ron, of Delafield Way, Rugeley,

kon, of Detailed Way, Rugeley, has been running since he was 49 and used to run with his son Jeff, now aged 53. He is a former mem-ber of the Cannock and Stafford Running Club.

A former mechanic at Lea Hall Colliery, it took him 32 minutes to complete the 5km race and an-

to complete the 5km race and another hour and seven minutes to complete the 10km challenge.

He said: "It is slowing down a little bit. I was doing 10-minute miles. I have run for the fire station in Rugeley and an old people's home in Rugeley."

In total he collected £809.30 for the charity set up by Mr Felton, which seeks to highlight the problem of parental abduction.

The charity is looking to fund programmes which will give advice and access to networks who can help people who have been affected by child abduction.

For more information visit www.

For more information visit www abductedangels.org

Prison term for sex with girl aged 14 is reduced

A STAFFORDSHIRE man jailed for having drunken sex with a drugged-up schoolgirl has had his sentence reduced

schoolgirl has had his sentence reduced by senior judges.

Adam Steve Hackett, 21, was locked up for 32 months last August after pleading guilty at Stafford Crown Court to sexual activity with a child.

Hackett had sex with the 14-year-old after meeting her at a party, Mr Justice Sweeney told the Appeal Court in London. He said he had no idea she was under the are of consent.

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The girl was tipsy and had snorted eight 'lines' of cocaine, the court heard.

The pair had sex after Hackett 'made overtures', although she had little memo

overtures , attnough she had little memory of the night.

Hackett, of Leander Close, Burntwood, pleaded guilty on the basis that he assumed his victim was 16.

ne assumed nis victim was 10.
Hackett's case reached the Appeal
Court as his legal team challenged his
sentence, arguing it was far too harsh
given his age and the fact that no force
was involved.
Mr. Luctice Supression

was involved.

Mr Justice Sweeney accepted that
Hackett never 'plied' his victim with
drink or drugs but he knew she was 'the
worse for drink'.

Mr Justice Sweeney, sitting with Lord
Justice Elias and Judge Julian Goose, reluced Hackett's sentrace to 19 months.

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The original sentence failed to fully reflect the facts of the case and Hackett's guilty plea, the judge ruled.
A sexual harm prevention order imposed on Hackett was also reduced to 10

One in four are keen to help out

A QUARTER of Cannock residents aged 50 or over would like to start volunteer

50 or over would like to start volunteering, according to new findings.
The research by the charity Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) marks the launch of a drive to bring together older people to help out in the community – and 'celebrate the possibilities, rather than the restrictions, of older living'.

The study shows the majority – 94 per cent – of over-50s in Cannock know that volunteering is important for staying active and taking part in social activity. And 64 per cent would like to fill their spare time with a new hobby or course.

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RVS has launched a campaign to recruit more volunteers in Staffordshire.

To find out more about volunteering
call RVS on 0844 892 0083 or visit www.
redefineoap.org.uk

Warning as thieves break into four cars

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are warning residents to be vigilant after four cars were broken into in Heath Hayes.

Two in Pheasant Way, one in Hobby Way and one in Nuthatch Close were targeted overnight between Tuesday and Wednesday last week.



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Paramedic keeps job after death at hospital

A PARAMEDIC who stood with his hands in his pockets as a patient died in front of him at a hospital has been told he can remain in the profession.

Matt Geary, aged 37, from Great Wyrley, looked on from the window of his ambulance as Carl Cope, 47, col-lapsed outside the entrance of Walsall Manor Hospital on June 23, 2012.

Geary stood over him as a heart condition claimed his life before handing him over to

The paramedic was handed a twowas handed a two-year conditions of practice order at the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) in



London on Monday. The conditions include the creation of a personal development plan and reflective report by Geary.

Simon Hoyle, representing Geary, said. "In a 12-year career he made

Simon Hoyie, representing Geary, said: "In a 12-year career he made one mistake and has been paying for it ever since." Geary previously admitted he should have taken further action. He said: 'My behaviour wasn't up to standard."

up to standard."

He was given an eight-month suspended sentence in February 2015
after being convicted of failing to undertake his duty and help the patient.
Geary resigned from West Midlands
Ambulance Service following a disciplinary hearing. He currently works as a paramedic at school sports events

Wildcats have the chance to kick off

GIRLS are being offered a chance to play football under an FA initiative.

The programme will see 200 Wildcats Girls' Mini Soccer Centres opening throughout England this spring, each run in conjunction with the local County FA and their key partners.

The move will provide girls aged five to 11 with regular opportunities to play football. Active Lives Education has been working with more than 250 girls each week at six primary schools in Cannock and Rugeley.

The new Wildcats Girls' Mini Socer Centre in Cannock will be taking

The new windcats Gris Minii Soc cer Centre in Cannock will be taking place at Cardinal Griffin High School, starting on March 20 from 6 to 7pm. The cost is £3 per week. Anyone can register their interest by emailing

getactive@activeliveseducation couk

Grab a bargain at annual spring sale

MORE than 100 stalls will be set up when Penkridge Market holds its an-nual spring sale on March 22 and 25. Clothes, handbags, jewellery, plants, books and hardware are among the items on sale.

Could the cathedral become Commons?



Michael Fabricant at Lichfield Cathedral

COULD the biggest decisions in the country soon be made in Stafford-

Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant seems to believe it is an option after suggesting that if MPs were to vacate the Houses of Parliament for essential work, as recommended by the Commons Public Accounts Committee, the iconic Lichfield Cathedral would make a suitable relocation option.

MPs are broadly agreed on the need to renovate the crumbling London building, which could be done at a cost of £3.5 billion, but where to carry

being done is up for debate.

Mr Fabricant said: "If they do have

to move, then rather than go to a nearby building in London, why not come to Lichfield?

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"It is right in the middle of the country, and it is a beautiful place.

"Personally, I don't want us to move out of the Houses of Parliament but if we have to, I don't see why not, although I must admit I haven't asked the Dean of the cathedral, so I don't know what he would have to say about the idea." The Palace of West-

minster, which houses the Commons and Lords, dates back to the 11th Century. The building was recon-structed after a fire in 1834. Mr Fabricant added that if MPs were to commute regularly to Lich-

field, it could improve trade and tour-

ism in the city.

When the work is done, MPs and peers face moving out for about six

years.

Lichfield Cathedral is recognised as a building of exceptional interest being Grade I listed.

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£250,000 facelift for homes at building site

vamp of homes on a Cannock housing estate is taking place as part of the development to build the first

council homes in the area decades.
The development at Moss Road, providing 141 homes including 65 council properties at the Chadsmoor site, was approved in 2014 and is more than halfway

They are the first new council homes since the early 1990s but the construction has caused

the early 1990s but the construction has caused some disruption for nearby residents.

But now Cannock Chase District Council wants to invest £251,000 in renovating the existing flat blocks in the area.

The money will be spent on enhancing the entrances and halls of the buildings, reconstructive them takes the constructions.

structing three 'defective' retaining walls, and

improving driveways.
Councillor Tony Johnson, who represents the area, said the improvements would help give something back to residents who had put up with disruption caused by the new homes being built.

Contractors

He said: "The development which has taken place has been absolutely fantastic.

place has been absolutely fantastic.
"It has been a long while since we had council houses in Cannock. I was in one of the new houses yesterday and they are fantastic.
"But you need to remember it has impacted on a lot of established residents in the area significants."

nificantly.

"This is a way of thanking them for what they have had to put up with. "You can't make an omelette without crack-

ing a few eggs.

"There has been issues around road sweeping but to be fair the contractors have stepped

up and are sweeping it every day now.

"The bottom line is people have had to put up with a lot and it is about time they had something back. This work will help reduce the contrast between the new builds and the existing properties."

Cabinet bosses are set to sign off on the funding at a measurement of the set of th

ing at a meeting today (Thursday).

The Moss Road development was originally set to be completed by March next year but a report prepared for the meeting states the scheme is in line to be finished ahead of that. Of the 65 council properties, 35 are completed. The first tenants arrived in November 2015.



A quarter of a million pounds is to be spent sprucing up older homes on the estate



Building work on Chadsmoor's Moss Road Estate



Landscaping will be included in the estate facelift

Police warning over break-ins

their guard after a number of break ins in the Cannock Chase district.

Residents are being asked to check and review their security measures or sheds, garages and outbuildings fol-lowing the incidents which included thefts in Rawnsley Road, Cannock. Thieves broke locks to gain access

to the buildings, and a number of items have been reported stolen.

Anyone with any information is urged to contact Staffordshire Police via 101 and ask to speak to the Cannock Chase local policing team.

First festival of dance a success

A PENKRIDGE school has held its first annual dance festival.
Students at Wolgarston High School took part in a range of performances as part of the show which was themed on 'Dancing at the Musicals'. Organised by PE teacher Sally Stanton, the ised by F.B teacher Sany Stanton, the event saw students from Princefield, Marshbrook, St John's, St Michael's, St Mary's, St Paul's, St Mary and St Chad's First Schools take part. Mrs Stanton said: "Dance festivals

are a great opportunity to see and cel-ebrate the talent present in our pyra-

Sale to raise funds for Hub activities

FAMILIES can pick up a bargain at a nearly new sale in Huntington this weekend.

weekend.
Good-quality second-hand baby/
child/maternity clothing, toys and
equipment will be on offer at the table
top sale. The sale will take place on
Saturday from 12.30 to 2.30pm, at the
Create Community Hub next to Cannock Rugby Club off Stafford Road.
Admission is 50p and all profits
will go towards the Hub's community
work. For details call 07703 043773.

Teams carry weight for armed forces charity

FUNDRAISERS took on a physically demanding challenge in Staffordshire for armed forces charity SSAFA. Soldier 30:30 saw 11 teams running

Soldier 30:30 saw 11 teams running 30 miles or 30 kilometres with 30lb on their backs around Denstone College near Uttoxeter. So far, the fundraisers have raised over £8,000 with more sponsorship donations expected to pour in over the coming weeks.

SSAFA fundraising director Tegan Jones said: "Soldier 30:30 Midlands was definitely a day to representer."

was definitely a day to remember.'

Fiddler in concert

FANS of folk, rock, and something FANS of tolk, rock, and something a little bit different are in for a treat when one of the country's leading folk fiddle players, Peter Knight, brings his latest musical project to Lichfield Guildhall on Sunday, March 26 as part of his current tour. To book tickets, visit www.lichfieldarts.org.uk



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COUNTY NEWS

2,000 abusive calls made to 999 staff

HARSHER penalties need to be brought in to protect ambulance control room workers from abusive call-ers, union chiefs have said.

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It comes after figures revealed call handlers with West Midlands Ambulance Service received almost 2,000 abusive calls between 2013 and 2016.

Figures revealed hundreds of ver-

bal attacks across the country in the past three years including threats to kill, and racist and sexual slurs. The union Unison has now urged the Gov-ernment to bring in tougher punishments to deter abusive callers

Apprenticeships route for pupils

TWO thirds of pupils in the West Mid-lands aged between 16 and 18 say they will consider an apprenticeship after leaving school as a route into employ-ment. The figures have been released in a study from the Association of Ac-

ounting Technicians (ATT).

The survey showed 47 per cent of 16-30-year-olds in the region think an apprenticeship could fast track their

apprenticesing could have track their careers over university.

In hindsight, more than two thirds, 68 per cent, of degree holders in the region would now consider an alterna-tive route into employment.

Funds boost for community help

STAFFORDSHIRE is set to benefit from a multi-million pound fund to increase the number of community organisers – who help to build rela-tionships and networks in commu-nities to create social and political change through collective action.

County council communities chief Gill Heath, said: "It's really exciting omi reach, sau: It's reany exciting news that we are going to see even more community organisers. We want Staffordshire to be a great place to live, with strong and resilient communities that work for everyone." Find out more at www.corganisers.org.uk

JLR boss calls for free and fair trade

THE chief executive of Jaguar Land Rover says the business will continue to need 'free and fair trade' with Europe following Brexit. Speaking at the Geneva Motor Show, Dr Ralf Speth said Europe was the most important market for JLR as it sells 120,000 cars a year in Europe, which also supplied essential components.

JLR, with its engine manufacturing centre at Wolverhampton, unveiled its revolutionary Range Rover Velar and Jaguar I-PACE Concept electric car.

lans at the double

A SINGER/SONGWRITER from Kidderminster is supporting singer Ian McCulloch at the Robin 2 in Bilston.

The Echo and the Bunnyman front-man has a solo concert in the club on

Singer, 20, wins carnival talent contest Donation

GREAT Wyrley Carnival's Got Talent competition was a resounding success with nine acts competing in front of over 100 people in the audience.

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Prize money of £50 and a trophy were awarded to Jordan Holmes, a 20-year-old singer who won after eight years of supporting the com-petition. Runner-up was 11-year-old Lauren Hodson, who received £25 for her musical theatre contribution, and

received £15.

The young winners were duo Leah Cook, 11, and Isabella Jones, 10, who received £25 and a trophy. The highly commended award went to eight-year-old singer Isabella Maullin.

"Great Wyrley Carnival Committee would like to thank the four judges, Amanda Evans, Ellen Mills, Andrew Franks and Lesley Morris, for their

"Thanks also to the MC, MIS KAUL Perry, Ray Perry for technical sup-port, and also to Harrisons Sports & Social Club for hosting the event. "All the entrants performed brill-liently especially the special needs

liantly, especially the special needs group, and thanks to Catherine Care who signed and acted their perfor-

mance. They will all have an opportunity to perform again at Great Wyrley Carnival on Saturday, June 24."

The carnival takes place on The Star Land with a procession leaving Hazel Lane at midday, and it is a free event. To book a stall at the carnival, call Pauline Kelsey 01922 414647.

The committee's part event is a St

The committee's next event is a St George's Day procession followed by a fete on Saturday, April 22.

Chasers and Snitches do battle for the cup

By Carl Jackson

HUNDREDS of Seekers, Snitches Chasers, Beaters descended on Ru-

Beaters descended on Hugeley at the weekend – for the Harry Potter-inspired British Quidditch Cup.
Rugeley Leisure Centre once again played host to as many as 700 broom-riding competitors from around the country in what organisers halled as the most exciting contest to date test to date

Out of 32 teams taking part during the two-day competition, Notting-ham-based team The Velociraptors came out on top, triumphing over the Bristol Brizzlebears by 260-60 in

the Bristol Brizzlebears by 260-60 in Sunday's final.

Mel Piper, President of QuidditchUK,said: "This has been the most exciting British Quidditch Cup to date, with the quality of gameplay between teams being absolutely inspiring. The finals between the Velociraptors and Brizzlebears were the culmination of a hard year of training, and QuidditchUK congratulates the Velociraptors with their hard-fought victory."

Fantastic

Velociraptors captain Tom Heynes said: "It's a fantastic feeling winning the final, some great games we've had along the way, and the best tournament we could have hoped for. "I'd like to thank all the players for putting their hearts into the team, and the fact we only came in a year ago was fantastic, and it means so

ago was fantastic, and it means so much to everyone involved."

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While the sport owes its existence
to JK Rowling's smash hit books and
films, it is far from an annual gathering of Potter fans dressed as Harry
and Hermione.

Quidditch is fast, physical, competitive and tactical, with organisers
hailing it as the most progressive
sport in the world due to its gender
inclusivity rule which stipulates no
more than four players on the teams
of seven can be of the same gender.

That said, it is as faithful a recreation of the once fictional game as

ation of the once fictional game as technologically possible, although there are no flying brooms. How-ever, all players have to hold a stick



Action from the British Quidditch Cup in Rugeley



Quidditch is fast, physical, competitive and tactical

between their legs, which serves as a meaningful handicap and helps Quidditch stand out from other ter-

restrial-based sports.
Potter fans will be familiar with the concept. There are seven players. The Chasers throw the quaffle

– a semi-deflated volleyball – to each
other and through their opponents'

team throw Bludgers – dodgeballs – at the Chasers to distract them and make them return to their end of the pitch if they get hit.

Enter the Snitch – a neutral player

with a tennis ball stuffed into a sock attached to their shorts which each team's Seekers must catch. When they do, the game ends. The

trick is to catch the Snitch when your team is winning, which some-times means the 'losing' Seeker may

look to defend the Snitch - until the scores are reversed. The town was hailed a successful

The sport owes its existence to JK Rowling's books

The town was hailed a successful choice of location

choice of location again this year and could be on for hosting the event for

a third time in a row next year. QuidditchUK spokesman Tom Friske said: "We had a really good reaction this year – particularly from local taxi firms who kept asking why so many people had descended on Rugeley for the weekend."

of £70k to run service for a year

A DONATION of more than £70,000

A DONATION of more than £70,000 will help a Cannock-based charity operate a vital service for a whole year. Newlife Charity for Disabled Children has been handed £70,200 in funding from the Morrisons Foundation. The backing will support Newlife's play therapy pod (PTP) service providing specialist toys direct to families' homes all over the UK. It will enable 1,000 PTP loans.

Newlife has almost 400 pods, which each contain £400 worth of toys.

Interactive toys help improve

each contain 2-400 worth of toys.

Interactive toys help improve hand-eye co-ordination, auditory toys encourage interaction with others through play and sound, and tactile toys stimulate touch and encourage motor function. Free of charge and loaned for between 12 and 16 weeks, the clear theory works are designed. the play therapy pods are designed to stimulate senses.

The Morrisons Foundation – a charity set up by the supermarket chain which donates funds generated by the sale of single-use carrier bags

- awards grants for charity projects
which make a positive difference to

which make a positive difference to people's lives.

Meanwhile, a three-hour charity spin challenge involving staff from Cannock-based Briggs Equipment has raised more than £640.

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The challenge, which took place at The Village Hotel Leisure Club in Walsall, featured 30 members of the Briggs Equipment team. It was the first of a series of fundraising events for Newlife, which Briggs Equipment has chosen as its charity of the year.

Career ladder – Page 13

Rare print sells for £6,500 at auction

A RARE lithograph of Royal Academy artist David Roberts's 'The Siege and destruction of Jerusalem' was the undoubted star lot at Staffordshire auc-tion house Cuttlestones' fine art sale.

Taken from the original, the work is signed by both Roberts and the prolific watercolour and lithograph artist Louise Haghe. The hammer fell at £6,500 to a buyer in the room.

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It was a highlight of a two-day mixed sale that attracted a bustling sale room alongside more than 650 registered internet bidders, resulting in sales to over 16 countries including Japan, New Zealand, Australia, the US, France and Central Africa.

Another artwork that drove up the

Another artwork that drove up the bids was a landscape featuring figures on horseback driving sheep which went for £5,000 to a telephone bidder.

Table top fair to help fund society's show

A TABLE TOP fair is to be at held at St Luke's Church, Cannock, on Sat-urday from 10am to 1pm. Proceeds will help to fund St Luke's

Drama Society's next period produc-tion. Admission is free, and refresh-ments will be available.





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NHS trust is Pollution action plan at busy roundabout owed nearly £500,000 in 38 reports of road damage – and still no repairs POTHOLE MISERY

AT BUSY ISLAND

Hospital in Stafford is owed nearly £500,000 from people who are not entitled to free medical care, including

medical bills

overseas visitors.

Medical bills totalling £218,000 from the 2015-16 financial year alone is outstanding to University Hospital North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNMT), which also runs Royal Stoke Hospital. In all, 110 patients from the last five years owe £488,106.93 including more than £27,000 which dates back to 2012.

UHNMT said the money owed is a 'very very small' percentage of its

UHNMT said the money owed is a 'very very small' percentage of its income, meaning it does not 'significantly affect' its day-to-day operation. Finance director Sarah Preston said: "The trust has systems and processes in place to recover costs from those who are not entitled to free NHS care. Although some of these figures are significant, we will always continue to try to recoup these costs, which is why the outstanding sums will reduce over time."

Fourteen people owe £27,468 dat-

Fourteen people owe £27,468 dating back to 2012-13; 17 from 2013-14 ing back to 2012-13; 17 from 2013-14 owe £56,472; and 16 from 2014-15 owe £46,315.67. A total of 28 people owe £218,352.93 from 2015-16 while so far this financial year, 35 patients have racked up £139,498.33. The trust does not arrange its fig-

The trust does not arrange its hg-ures to differentiate between overseas visitors and UK residents not entitled to free healthcare. Instead, they are categorised as those not entitled to NHS care.

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Venue in mood for saint's day

FANS of all things Irish will be up for the craic as a Cannock venue hosts a week of St Patrick's celebrations.

Bar Sport and the Premier Suite, in High Green, is screening all the races from the Cheltenham festival, which

from the Cheltenham festival, which began on Tuesday and runs until tomorrow (Friday).

A St Patrick's Day Warm Up features a live Irish band from 8pm today. On Saturday, the Premier Suite will host its annual St Patrick's Day Party from 7pm. The annual Irish Family St Patrick's Day Sunday Lunch takes place the following day. Scott Murray, owner of Bar Sport and the Premier Suite, said: "Our annual St Patrick's Day celebrations always prove to extremely popular."

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For tickets, call 01543 572092.

Talk for worldly plant hunters

THE Hardy Plant Society are having a talk on plant hunting around the world tomorrow (Friday) at 7.30pm.

Meetings are held at Colwich & Little Haywood Village Hall in Little Haywood. Visitors' entrance fee is £4.

COUNCIL bosses are set to draw up an action plan to tackle high levels of pollution at one of Cannock Chase's

busiest traffic islands.

A report states the levels of nitrogen dioxide at the Five Ways Island in Heath Hayes exceeds national standards. The gas can lead to health problems including respiratory condi-tions as well as weakening the lungs' immunity.

Last week, the Chronicle reported how 38 reports of potholes at the roundabout have been made to Staffordshire County Council. And the

subject of graffiti.
On the Hednesford Road, close to the island, vandals scrawled the message 'fix potholes' on a telecommunications box.

The county council says the island has been 'earmarked for action' and surface works will take place during the summer.

It says it prioritises the main roads

where there is the highest volume of traffic. Meanwhile, Cannock Chase Council is looking at making an order for an Air Quality Management Area

reducing the problem

Specifically, the order would cover the A5190 Cannock Road between Heath Way and the boundary with the Lichfield district; the B4154 Hednesford Road between Brownhills Road and Hayes Way; and Wimble-bury Road between A5190 and Brick-works Road.

The cabinet will discuss the pollu-tion issue below (Thursday)

tion issue today (Thursday).

What do you think should be done about our roads? Email cannock.chron@expressandstar.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF 5 Fresh approach

to fight disease A PARTNERSHIP approach to re-search into Alzheimer's Disease has begun at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust.

The trust, which runs County The trust, which runs County Hospital in Stafford, and North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT) have newly established the Neurodegenerative Active Partnership (NO GAP) team. The team has opened its first joint study after the two trusts got together in 2015 to battle neurodegenerative diseases. The link-up is a first-of-its-kind role between the two trusts.

Mini-market will have Easter theme

GREAT Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church is holding a mini-market on Saturday from 10.30am tp midday. Various stalls will be on show with an Easter theme, including a raffle, bric-a-brac, tombola, groceries, cakes and local crafts. There will also be a farm-fresh fruit and vecetable stall as this has proved

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and vegetable stall as this nas proved very popular in then past.

Refreshments such as tea and coffee will be available, and what the organ-isers describe as 'our famous bacon butties'.

Admission to the event at the church in Walsall Road is free.

Groups urged to apply for grants

STAFFORDSHIRE'S police and crime commissioner is inviting groups from across the county to bid for money to make their communities safer

Matthew Ellis is providing £300,000 in 2017-18 through a fund, in grants ranging from £100 to £3,000.

The latest round of funding bids has

opened and runs until April 14.

More details on the scheme, in-cluding guidance and application forms, can be found by visiting www. staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/fund

Good causes invited to share the wealth

A £10,000 funding pot is up for grabs for communities in Cannock.

The money is being put up by furniture store ScS, which is celebrating opening its 100th store. It has a store at Orbital Retail Park.

Paul Burke, sales director at ScS, said: "We're launching our 100 good causes campaign to say a massive thank you to each of the local communities that have supported us on our journey." Nominations can be made until March 24.

Circular route for walk

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is a Lichfield-Burntwood moderate circular walk of nine miles. Instead of gathering in Hednesford, walk-ers should meet at 9.30am outside the Premier Inn, Lichfield. For further details contact Jenny on 01543 677816. New walkers are welcome.

Green belt homes 'put town's identity at risk'

PLANS to build more than 300 homes on green belt land in Burntwood will ruin the town's identity. campaigners have claimed.

Campaigners have Calimed.

The plans, which will go out to public consultation at the end of the month, have sparked outrage among residents and councillors.

There had been hopes that the plans for 250 homes off Highfields Road and 80 off Coulter Lane would be shelved at a cabinet meeting after dozens of furious objectors turned up.

However, Lichfield District Council stood for course Parentscale hat to work its allows.

firm, saying Burntwood has to meet its alloca-tion of homes and would have to build on these green belt sites if no more suitable sites were

Councillor Sue Woodward, who represents

Surntwood, said the plans would lead to a loss of uniqueness for the area.

She said: "Both of these plans mean an encroachment on Burntwood's green belt, which the community are very opposed to.

"Over the years, we have had more and more housing built but we do not have the services

to serve them, let alone any more. For example, there are not enough GP surgeries.

Unique

"At the meeting we were told that these bits of green belt land in Burntwood make up just 0.2 per cent of Lichfield's green belt. So why don't they find different bits of land that will have less of an impact?
"One of the unique and lovely of features of Burntwood is that it is surrounded by green areas As soon as went stat encapeables into

areas. As soon as you start encoraching into this, then you start to lose the uniqueness." Councillor Eric Drinkwater, deputy opposition leader on the district council, said: "Burntwood is already overdeveloped, and the issue of protection of green belt is the most important battle the local residents will ever have."

Councillor Ian Pritchard, cabinet member for economic growth, development and environment, said: "We will be consulting on our Local Plan Allocations from 20 March to 12 May. This is the second part of our Local Plan - the first part being the Local Plan Strategy. "The Local Plan Allocations covers numerous issues, from housing and employment land allocations through to reviewing planning policies used to determine planning applications. "As part of this, we have carried out detailed assessments about where the housing numbers identified in our Local Plan Strategy could be developed, including Burntwood." Councillor Ian Pritchard, cabinet member

developed, including Burntwood.

Marathon-marriage George hits 100



George, aged 100, and Phyllis, 94, have been married for more than three quarters of a century

"I WOULDN'T have lasted this long if it hadn't have been for you looking after me

That is the touching tribute paid by 100-year-old George Loftus to his wife Phyllis – who he has been mar-

wife Phyllis – who he has been mar-ried to for more than three quarters of his life.

The great grandparents, who met in Walsall and now live in Mulberry Road, Cannock, are likely to be the longest lasting married couple in the Midlands.

This year they will celebrate their 77th anniversary, while on Friday, George reached his own personal milestone by becoming a centenar-

ian – and fit as a fiddle Phyllis, 94, is not far behind. They celebrated the

not far behind. They celebrated the occasion among family and friends at their only child Ray's home in Pye Green Road on Saturday.

Born in Willenhall, George was working for the LMS railway in the 1930s, when he and fellow workers waved at Phyllis as she walked past the Rycroft engine shed.

George later became a miner at

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George later became a miner at
Mid-Cannock pit.

Through their son Ray, 72, and
his wife Gillian, 70, the couple have
two grandchildren – Gaenor and Teresa – and three great-grandchildren
Grace, Jack and Cameron.



Shortly after their wedding

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Call me a cynic but this doesn't seem smart

LAUNCHING the Government's much-vaunted "Midlands Engine" in Dudley, Chancellor Philip Hammond said one of the region's key strengths was that 92 per cent of the UK's population could get to the Midlands within four hours. Given that he has defined the Midlands as everywhere from Grimsby to the Welsh border, that probably doesn't come as too much of a surprise.

So why did he choose to launch the project in Dudley? Was it to announce a multi-billion rail connection between the town and HS2? A huge retail development to revive the dying town centre? A new media city to rival the one at Salford?

Er, not exactly. He said a "smart ticket" system would operate on the railways by 2018, which is great news considering Dudley doesn't actually have a rail ser-

vice.

He also said there would be more "smart motorways". Call me a cynic, but anything "smart" in the title is usually a euphemism for "doesn't work."

eupnemism for "doesn't work."
Like the "smart gas meters" which
have just been found to have given incorrect readings, or the "smart televisions"
which have been hacked by the security
services

Mr Hammond announced an investment of £25 million investment to reduce traffic congestion in the Black Country, which sounds a lot. Until you compare it to the £10 million which is being committed to upgrading the railway station at Birmingham University, or another £10 million on upgrading Symphony Hall. Same old story there then. And how will the £25 million be used?

will the £25 million be used?
"The funding will provide improved access to employment sites and create a safe environment for people to walk or cycle," said the report. It might be called the Midlands Engine.

But for those of us in the Black Country it looks like we will still have to pedal our-

MIND you, chairman of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership says the Midlands Engine will help "change the face" of the Black Country.

Stewart Towe said: "New build specialist training facilities to support hands-on skills development, new homes for our residents and investment in infrastructure. residents and investment in infrastructure will connect all these fantastic people

l've no idea wriat sume it's positive. I've no idea what that means, but I pre-

THAT said, the Chancellor can't really win, can he? For years the Government has been berated for savage cuts, no money for public services. So last week he announced a tax rise, and sparked a

mutiny.
It's the old age story. Everybody wants more investment in public services long as somebody else foots the bill.

Labour leader is yet another out-of-touch politician



Jeremy Corbyn – who may not be getting the full picture when it comes to his support



No funny business – Lenny Henry gets serious in the latest series of Broadchurch



Corbyn's delusion matches Thatcher's

HUMOUR is a strange thing. It seems to work best when someone else comes a cropper, especially if that person is in a position of authority, and a delicate part of the body is involved. A North Country accent helps, too. This week, a police inspector in Burnley is reported to be recovering after being bitten on the bottom by his own police dog. Sniggering yet?

IF you ever doubted the need for more grammar schools, as proposed this week, look no further than Google where you will find thousands of references to "grammer school" including this query from a lady on Mumsnet: "Would my dyslexic child thrive at grammer school?" Proberbably.

FOR the second time since they were issued, I have discovered a lost £5 note in a pocket. I can only conclude that a) the new fiver is thinner than the old one and easier to miss, or b) subconsciously we regard anything plastic as

THE most I have ever found in a long-unused pocket was a princely £38 on holiday in Devon. There is something wonderfully easily-spendable about money you didn't know you had. Any tales of unexpected bounty in the trouser department so to speak. partment, so to speak?

YOU have to admire the sheer imagination that has gone into casting the new series of Broadchurch (ITV). It is a gritty, wince-making cop drama, examining the brutal, humiliating offence of rape. Surprisingly, the cast includes three great comedians: Charlie Higson from the Fast Show, Lenny Henry and Roy Hudd. Higson admits he was "amazed" to get the part of lan. If this series ends in court, who will hear the case - Judge Rinder?

LONG ago, just before the Thatcher gov-

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

ernment launched the hated poll tax, I met a Tory election candidate who said: "Wherever I go, people tell me the poll tax is the fairest tax they've ever known." It emerged that "wherever I go" was a number of Conservative Clubs he had visited on his campaign trail. So a Tory candidate hears support for a Tory tax from the Tory faithful. I was reminded of him this week when Jeremy Corbyn, apparently unmoved by the nightmare of Copeland and Labour's dis-astrous polls, warned us not to underestimate support for his party across the country. How can he be so deluded? Probably because wherever Corbyn goes, he hears his loyal supporters chanting "Jeremy!" and applauding his policies. It is easy to kid yourself that the wide-eyed activists you meet are just ordinary folk and that when they chant your name in adulation it is the authentic voice of Britain. It ain't.

SOME Cambridge students recently objected to "cultural appropriation" of national dishes (Jamaican stew, Tunisian rice, etc) on their college menu. A reader writes to tell me he has college file in. A read writes to tell file flas recently discovered that shepherds pies do not contain real shepherds, and to whom should he complain?

WE are always being urged to support local businesses which explains why Mrs Rhodes and I eschewed McDonald's and Costa this week and lunched at ye olde local teashoppe. I ordered a small coffee and got a large one. I asked for a pain au chocolat and was given a croissant and jam. Mrs Rhodes ordered soup which took 25 minutes to arrive, and then only

after reminding the waitress, who avoided eye-contact. Yes, you don't get service like that from the multinationals

IF you visit a firm's website and a page fails to load, you usually get an Americanised apology on the lines of: "Oops, we've boobed!" So I was charmed a few days ago to have this same problem with the Royal Shakespeare Company website, which responded: "No page! How did that happen? We are indeed an ass-head, and a coxcomb, and a knave, a thinfaced knave, a gull!" Will would have approved.

FOR a fascinating insight into political thought processes, catch 'At Lunch with Becky Milligan' (Radio 4) in which the reporter buys a meal for Tony Blair's old pal and former Lord Chancellor, Lord 'Charlie' Falconer. His Lordship doesn't want to talk about Blair. He doesn't seem to know what Labour's immigration policy is. Despite being on an apple-based diet for the past four years, he doesn't know much about apples, although he confides that some are red. some are green and others are both red and green. Falconer's only real concerns seem to be his weight and forming another Labour government: "We have to get back in." He doesn't explain why.

AS a rule I would object to my TV licence fee aying for a wealthy politician's lunch. But the Falconer interview

was an education, and therefore money well spent. If any future Labour government needs a Minister of Unillumination, Falconer's your man.

ESCHEWED. That's a word I haven't used for a long time. Anyone got a tissue?

TALKING POINT

Annoying holes are driving us all potty!

THERE they are every morning as I drive into work. They are such a pain, and no matter how many stories we carry about them the problem never seems to go away. Yes you may have already guessed what I am talking about – potholes.

No matter how big – and some are VERY big and deep – or small you can be sure that they are doing some damage to your vehicle.

I have, over recent years, had to have

I have, over recent years, had to have suspension work done on my little car and it is coming to the stage when I dread the next MoT because I just know that it

the next MoI because I just know that it will probably fail and the reason will point back to them.

I know that the councils are facing drastic cutbacks, and obviously issues such as social care need to take priority. but this problem is impacting on people's lives. Some of the potholes are so deep that they can literally make your car unroadworthy, affecting the steering and balancing of the wheels, meaning they are a danger to yourself and other motorists.

torists.
I live in a village and travel down country lanes, which obviously do not carry as much traffic as the city centre, but the problems there are just as bad. Maybe this should be reflected in the amount of car tax we pay.

There seems to be plenty of money spent on these sleeping policemen, or speed bumps, whatever you want to call them. I can think of some other words!

Some of them are so high and so close together that they also have an effect on our cars. One lot in Bilbrook did such a our cars. One lot in Bilbrook did such a lot of damage to a car with a low suspen-sion, that the driver had to find an alterna-tive route to work.

And the many motorists who com-plained about the height and the number

of the ones down Tinacre Hill at Compton

of the ones down i inacre Hill at Compton now avoid that route altogether. Maybe that was the idea!

In another area – Goscote – there have been endless complaints about potholes, but nothing done about them.

And I recently read about one rounda-bout in the Heath Hayes area which has 38 - yes I did say 38 - around it. Unbe-lievable!

lievable!

So councils put your hand in your pockets. Forget about more of those annoying speed bumps. Instead put the money to good use and do a proper job of filling in the potholes, not a quick fix job that seems to last five minutes. You know what they say – you only get what you pay for. And at the moment it is the poor motorists who are the ones who are constantly paying out constantly paying out.

From April there will be changes in the

car tax rates. I saw on social media the other day a pothole-covered street where one fed-up driver has scrawled in huge letters 'What are we paying our tax for?'

I should think most drivers would echo

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Now that is one frightening fry-up!



Amy Hodgkiss serves up another monster breakfast - 'it's different and a bit of fun



Sugar Care and Cake Snop in Norton Canes was the idea of owners Shane and Amy Hodgkiss.

It consists of five hash browns, six sausages, four slices of bacon, four slices of black pudding, four pieces of fried bread, four rounds of toast,

baked beans, mushrooms, tomatoes and four eggs. Mr and Mrs Hodgkiss

Shane prepares to tucks in at Sparkling Sugar Cafe and Cake Shop

IT'S a Man Vs Food challenge to test even the heartiest of appetites. The big breakfast at Sparkling Sugar Cafe and Cake Shop in Norton took over the cafe at the start of the

took over the cafe at the start of the year and have big ambitions—and they hope their big breakfast will help pull in the customers.

Mrs Hodgkiss, aged 31, said: "We wanted to do something as part of the launch to make people aware.
"It's something different—no other cafes in the area are doing anything like it. A couple of customers have said 'Why don't we try it', so we did.
"It went down really well but only

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one person managed to complete the challenge." Mrs Hodgkiss said the cafe was now likely to host similar chal-lenges on a regular basis. "It's different and a bit of fun. We're

"It's different and a bit of tun, we re thinking of doing something like this every six weeks or so," she said.

Eleven have so far taken on the challenge of completing the full plate inside 45 minutes.

John Hyden conquered it in a time of 38 minutes and 45 seconds.

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DAVID Winnick joins Blair and Mandelson in calling for the resignation of Jere-my Corby, just five months after his second overwhelm-

after his second overwhelming leadership victory. Winnick, the MP for Walsall North, claims the party is betraying the very people in politics they profess to represent. In the science of political economy, the interests of capital and labour are diametrically opposed. By supporting capitalism

By supporting capitalism, Labour has always betrayed the working class it pur-ports to represents. Now we have a leader who actually opposes austerity, unlike those before.

Chronicle

Labour was nothing other than a reserve Tory Party, protecting the interests of capital, making a mockery of the concept of democracy. For the first time, we have a leader with the best interest.

a leader with the best intera leader with the best inter-ests of the working class at heart and that is why the ruling class is calling on all its allies to defeat him. MR T R MILLWARD

MPs too preoccupied LETTERS TO THE EDITOR with secondary jobs

I FLEL that while people are on the breadine, some MPs who we elected to serve us, and are getting overpaid to do it, are too preoccupied working on their secondary jobs. We have numerous instances of this with Mr Gove in America interviewing Trump and Osborne working four days a week and getting £350,000 a year whilst still getting day's a week and getting 2-30,000 a year winist still getting paid by the taxpayer to sort the problems of this country out. If anyone else was being paid by a company to work for them, and then used that time to work for another company, they would be done for fraud and would be sacked. Does this ruling not apply to these people?

The pay for a backbencher is roughly £75,000 a year plus

expenses to work full-time representing the people but obviously some don't think this is enough.

I would say to these people: resign your position as an MP and let someone else who is willing to be dedicated to do the job earn this extremely high pay.

We are facing a crisis in the NHS and in social care, whilst expensive meaning the social care.

we are facing a crisis in the NHS and in social care, whilst wasting money paying these greedy people. It's time that the taxpayers started holding these people to account. All they want is to keep their bank balance high and get their exceptionally high pension when they retire whilst the rest of us skimp and scrape to exist.

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Be safe around dogs

MANY of us own a dog or will meet one when out and about, but readers might be surprised to know that reabout, but readers might be surprised to know that re-search from Dogs Trust shows that one in three children is afraid of dogs. We are offering free advice to help families, and anyone who regularly comes into contact with dogs, improve their understanding of man's best friend. Visit www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk for more information. ADRIAN BURDER Dogs Trust CEO

ONCE again the Tories have broken an election

pledge.
They did it with the introduction of the Health and Social Care Act after promising not to interfere with the structural running of the NHS in the general election in 2010

of the NHS in the general election in 2010. And they have done it again in the Chancellor's Budget by breaking a 2015 election manifesto promise not to raise National Insurance contributions.

ance contributions.

The self-employed (not the rich and powerful) will now have to pay an extra £2 billion towards the Chancellor;'s black hole on soceior; s black hole on so-cial care funding. Not only is this unfair, it makes you wonder if you can trust any-thing MPs promise. I believe the type of cap-italist abuse that is now being forced on the proble

hainst abuse that is now being forced on the prole-tariat and most vulnerable people in society is demon-strative of the unacceptable face of today's capitalism. MR PAUL WITTON

Leader who is opposed to austerity DAVID Winnick joins Blair and Mandelson in calling and Mande

("Churches are doing a lot for homeless", March 2) 10 years ago a remarkable lady named Pat Wolfe started a charity for people in need in the Cannock area.

With the help of other local charities, she set up a project

run by a team of volunteers to serve lunches and hot drinks

run by a team of volunteers to serve funches and not drinks and offer a listening ear to homeless and hungry people. She tirelessly raised funds over the years to keep the service going, helped by local councillors and businesses. She has recently 'retired' and the service now comes under the umbrella of Cannock & District Food Bank, which has ensured the service continues and in fact has been enhanced. Pat continues to be involved as a volunteer and has also campaigned for a night shelter in Cannock but was blocked by the powers that be. This inspirational lady deserves recognition for the remarkable service that she created which has helped hundreds of people in need.

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THE February meeting was very interesting as guest speaker Inspector Bill Gwent gave a talk entitled 'Lunch of a lifetime'.

Insp Gwent was in charge of security when former US President Bill Clinton came to Birmingham for the G8 summit back in 1998. Mr Clinton decided to visit the

Clinton decided to visit the Malt House pub in Brindley-place for a pint and a plate of chips.

Insp Gwent knew of the visit in advance but had to keep quiet in the weeks and days leading up to the visit. Everyone enjoyed the talk very much and found it very interesting.

interesting.
At the end of February, the annual meal was held at the annual meal was field at the Rag pub and restaurant in Rawnsley, nestling on the edge of Cannock Chase. As ever, lovely food and conver-

stion was enjoyed.

The Norton Canes branch celebrated its 25th anniversary during March, which was the focus of the monthly meeting. It was a very enjoy-able night, made all the betable night, made all the bet-ter by guest speaker John Cooper discussing 'Catering at Sea' – mainly set around cruising in the 60s. He ex-plained there were more courses served than modern day cruises

day cruises.

He went on to discuss his humble beginnings cooking Sunday lunch for his parents' pub and how his mother encouraged him totake up an apprenticeship in catering. John's life on the waves saw him winning awards for his culinary skills as well as expreience. skills as well as experienc-ing a multitude of beautiful sites around the world.

An inspector Fundraising helps to on President house defibrillator



Councillor Darren Ennis with members of Chasetown Guild with the defibrillator

THE photograph was taken at the site of the newly installed defibrillator and its housing which is now installed on the side of the building of the Methodist Church

of the building of the Methodist Charles Burntwood. It was donated by the Chasetown Towns-women's Guild for the use of the local com-munity. This was the aim of the guild's charity for 2015/16. The money was raised

Chasetown Townswomen's Guild

by guild members as well as members of the guild's craft group at varies fundraising events, including a fashion show, table top sales and a skittles evening plus craft fairs around the district.

Speaker is one not to Miss

PRESIDENT Sandy Hobbs opened the meeting and welcomed members and

welcomed members and couple of guests.

The scheduled speaker had to cancel at the very last minute so secretary Elaine worked her magic and got hold of a fabulous speaker,

Miss Pitchy Patchy, whose talk was about the wartime, 1930s and 40s.

The speaker, who lives in Leek, arrived looking as though she had stepped out of the 1940s. She said the decaded like this could be decaded like this could be decaded like this could be seen to be seen to the seen the see she dressed like this all the

Hayes Green WI

time, as that decade is her passion. The speaker had a brilliant sense of humour and brought along memora-bilia of that era.

She said women in the She said women in the 40s always wore hats when going out but kept them on when they came home as it took some time to create the hairstyle of the day, the most popular being the Victoria roll. Another style that took off was the peek-a-boo

film actress Veronica Lake This was quite long hair. but the fringe hung over

one eye.

She said in the 40s, women never wore a lot of make-up but always made a feature of red lipstick. They reature of red lipstick. They even got creative and some stained their lips with beet-root. Dianne Bevan gave the vote of thanks.

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Leader hits out over fracking rule change

for a meeting with MPs 'as a matter of urgency' to discuss government rule changes

over fracking regulations.

It follows an announcement by the Government that it would be approving an exemption rule that means that only high-volume fracking activity would not be allowed in designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Fracking involves injecting water at high pressure into shale formations, beautiful the rules and low incontraction.

breaking the rock and allowing natu-

reaking the rock and allowing natural gas to flow out.

George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, has expressed his concern that the regulations will leave the door wide open for wells to be established in the control of the aour ware open for wells to be estab-lished in areas of outstanding natural beauty and sites of special scientific interest, which has been backed up by shadow energy and climate change minister Alan Whitehead.

Urgency

Councillor Adamson said: "Local people are incredibly proud that Can-nock Chase is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – and the Government has tried to sneak through a change that would see only very high-volume fracking banned in these areas.

through a change that would see only very high-volume fracking banned in these areas.

"That leaves areas such as Cannock Chase vulnerable to future fracking development. I'll be asking for a sit-down meeting with all of the local MPs to discuss this as a matter of urgency." Shadow energy and climate change minister Alan Whitehead said: "Members of Parliament – particularly those who have National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Sites of Special Scientific Interest in their own constituencies – will be alarmed to hear that, in spite of its promises to the contrary, the Government has left the door wide open to fracking in some of our most valuable areas."



Life ban for cruelty to sheep

A MAN who looked after sheep in Staf-fordshire has been given a suspended jail sentence and banned from keeping the animal for life after admitting ani-

the animal ror lie after admitting animal neglect and other offences.

Kevin Allman, aged 43, of Hadnall,
Shrewsbury, looked after a flock of 90
sheep at Knighton in Adbaston, near
Stafford.

However, visits by Staffordshire County Council's trading standards team found unshorn sheep, sheep with maggots and injuries and on some oc-

casions rotting animal carcasses. The flock was seized under the Animal Welfare Act on July 21, 2016.

Allman pleaded guilty at North Staf-fordshire Justice Centre to 16 offences. fordshire Justice Centre to 16 offences. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and ordered to pay £2,705 costs and a £115 victim surcharge, in addition to the lifetime ban on keeping sheep. The council's communities leader Councillor Gill Heath said it was a 'shocking case of animal neglect'.

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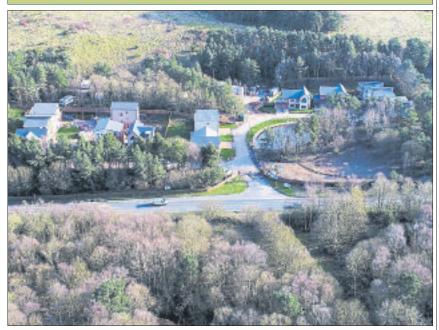




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Chase housing estate nears completion



Once work is complete, the site will be transformed into 'an exclusive gated community' with easy access to the Chase

THIS latest aerial shot shows work on 13 state-of-the-art homes in Cannock

Chase nearing completion.

The Fallow Park scheme, being built by Hednesford company Jessup Brothers, consists of 13 eco-efficient homes, each with a guide price of between £535,000 and £580,000.

This image taken from a drone shows work nearing completion with the 5.5-acre site on the edge of Cannock Chase site taking shape.

Bosses at Jessup Brothers say that once work is complete, the site will be transformed into 'an exclusive gated community' with easy access to the Chase. Chartered architect Steve

Faizey, who designed the site layout and the homes at Fallow Park, said: "The Fallow Park site offered a unique

opportunity to design imaginative con-temporary homes on a site that blends seamlessly into the natural landscape of Cannock Chase.

Future

"Our site layout sympathetically respects the natural features of the site and retains the pond and forest trees as a significant landscape aspect.

"We believe the development respects and enhances the local biodiversity to provide a truly aspirational place to live." The homes are being

built on a former factory site and are due to be completed in the coming months. The properties have either four or five bedrooms and surround a pond for future residents to enjoy.

Jessup Homes operates from Can-nock and has built developments around the West Midlands and rest of the UK.

The company began life in the late 1980s under the guidance of CEO Clive Jessup.

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Riding school to expand as demand soars



Kay Scott-Jarvis, right, and Jon Ewings, centre, HSBC agricultural relationship manager

A RIDING school is to expand after securing funding from HSBC. Cannock-based Rockstar Equitation Centre, at Mansty Farm, can now begin work on its new horse manege after securing a £50,000 loan from the bank.

The new manege will allow the centre to offer additional riding lessons following an increase in demand. Serving as a controlled space to ride and train in, the facility is suitable for all equine disciplines and will cater for an additional

age the construction costs of the new manege.

"It will also allow us to expand on our existing clientele by offering additional lessons and continue providing the necessary skills needed for this sport."

Permanent head appointed

A HEADTEACHER committed to ensuring 'children are given the very best educational opportunities' has been appointed to take up the reins of Penkridge Middle

School on a permanent basis.

Natalie Frost, who has 19 years of experience in teaching, has been the acting headteacher for 12 months and will now fill the role of head after impressing the governors.

During the past year she has overseen

the school becoming a member of The Penk Valley Federation of Schools and has intro-

duced a number of new initiatives including 'ravercise' – a twice-weekly disco at 8am.

Mrs Frost has also overseen Penkridge Middle School's move towards becoming a Visible Learning school. "I am thrilled to have been chosen to continue to lead Penkridge Middle School," she said.

Phil Tapp, principal of The Penk Valley Federation, said: "Mrs Frost is known for her strong leadership skills and her ability to drive impactful attainment and progression for all pupils. In the past year as

gression for all pupils. In the past year as acting headteacher she has made significant inroads into raising standards at the already-popular middle school."



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Newlife offering 'first rung' on career ladder

A donation to Sing about



Georgina Lawrence, left, receives the cheque from Adam Lacey and Lucy Follows following the evening of songs from the musicals

MORE than £2.200 was raised dur-

MORE than £2,200 was raised during an evening of songs from the musicals staged at a village hall.

Proceeds from the event have been presented to the Stroke Association. Calf Heath village hall was the venue for 'Just Sing', a celebration concert of classic songs from Broadway and West End shows presented by a small group of local actors and singers who have been friends for several years. friends for several years.

The charity evening was organ-ised by Lucy Follows, aged 21, who works as a florist in Penkridge. She said: "We are a group of friends who just love singing and

have performed on stage together

NEWLIFE is looking to nurture lo-cal talent by offering a number of new apprenticeships at its head office site in Cannock.

The charity for disabled children says it has three apprenticeships available which can provide that first rung

on the all-important career ladder.

There are vacancies available for an apprentice fashion accessory assistant at the warehouse at the Hemlock Way site; apprentice sales assistant at the SuperStore; and apprentice merchandising and stock assistant at Newlife at Home.

assistant at Newlife at Home.
Available to those over the age of 16 and not in full-time education, an apprentice-ship provides the opportunity to learn new skills, receive formal vocational training and earning money at the same time
Adding to the Newlife 'family' through apprenticeships has already proved extremely successful for the charity.

Supportive

Current apprenticeships are in both the fundraising and the communications departments at Newlife, and there are a number of employees whose careers have flourished within the charity after their ap-

nourisned within the charity after their apprenticeship ended.

Katie Haynes, who is now the care service deputy administration manager, began her career as a receptionist apprentice while pursuing the Level 2 Business Administration.

Katie said: "There are lots of progression materials with the base of the charity and the charity

Katie said: "There are lots of progression opportunities at Newlife, and they have been really supportive of my training."

People team (HR) manager Lynsey Woolley said: "Apprentices make a valuable contribution to the business by developing skills which match the business needs through a tailored apprenticeship programme."

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on many occasions. The Stroke Association is a charity very close to my heart as two of my grandparents had strokes and subsequently died from them, and my nan Jean Keltall in the stroke of the stro

roin them, and my han Jean Reisall is currently receiving support from them after she also recently had a stroke."

Compere for the concert was Adam Lacey of Wolverhampton.

Adam Lacey of Wolverhampton.

A cheque was presented to Georgina Lawrence, West Midlands fundraiser for the Stroke Association, who said: "With around 150,000 strokes in the UK each year, it is essential that we have fine people like Lucy, Adam and their friends to raise vital funds."

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The Lord of the Rings' links with Staffordshire has reached Burntwood.

The exhibition depicting the early years of JRR Tolkien and his time spent in the county has already been seen by more than 70,000 visitors since it launched in March 2016.

It is being staged at Burntwood Library, at Sankeys Corner, Bridge Cross Road, until April 8.

Highlights include rare photographs and copies of original sketches by Tolkien, not seen in Staffordshire since leaving with the author in 1918, loaned by The Tolkien Estate and Bodleian Library.

For further details about the display, visit www. staffordshiregreatwar.com

Young to get VIP attention

A CLUB for young people in Burntwood and Lichfield has established a youth club for 12 to 16-year-olds thanks to a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner's People Power Fund.

VIP Lounge youth club, aims to reduce anti-social behaviour in the surrounding areas by encouraging young people to take part in a range of activities.

Fun Club were awarded £3,000 to set up the club.

Building company 'comes home' for latest project

A CHASETOWN construction company, with developments throughout the Midlands, has announced it is to build its first housing scheme in its hometown.

Cameron Homes is to regenerate a prominent location a few doors away from its head office in High Street. The firm has received planning

permission to provide a range of properties

The site was used by the Collis furniture store and a former Victorian chapel.

Stratford-upon-A

"We are pleased to have been given the go-ahead to build a new development so near to our head office," sales and marketing director Andy Gough said.

Pleased

"This is an exciting development as it will bring new life to a prominent location in the high street and help to regenerate the area.

"Cameron is a long-es-"Cameron is a long-es-tablished family-owned company which has been based in Chasetown for over two decades," he added.

"Our sites are located throughout the Midlands at locations including

Stratford-upon-Avon, Birmingham, Burton upon Trent and Derby-shire, so it is great to be coming home."

The furniture store, which used the chapel for storage, has temporarily re-located to Burntwood after 120 years on the

Liz Collis, of the fourth generation to run the business, said: "I am pleased that Cameron Homes is stepping in to develop the land in a sympathetic way." pathetic way.

Work on the seven homes, which will include houses and bungalows, is starting this month, with the first properties going on the market in the summer.



Cameron Homes contracts manager Darren Abley, left, and colleague Kinder Ubhi, who is technical manager, at the site to be developed in Chasetown High Street

Plans for micro pub submitted to council

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Burntwood – single-storey extension to rear and side to extend lounge and form utility and WC.

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and Inrst-noor extension to rear to form en suite. Bank Farm, Godwins Lane, Blithbury – demolish existing garage and part of steel-framed shed and erection of detached garage block comprising three car

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Action call on hazard at flooding hotspot

new drainage facilities to be introduced at a flooding hotspot in Rugeley.

Councillor Alan Dudson claims that Stile Cop Road – off of the A460 between Hednesford and Rugeley – is a hazard to motorists

Rugeley – is a nazard to motorists whenever it rains in the area. The stretch of road and adjacent pathways are on the route towards Stile Cop Cemetery, and cars have to drive around or through the puddles, causing a hazard for motorists. Councillor Dudson, who represents the Brereton and Ravenhill ward, says it has been a problem in the area for a number of years.

number of years.

He said: "The problem is that it is

rne saut: The problem is that it is continuous flooding year after year. It needs adequate drainage facilities so the water doesn't build up.

Difficult

"The ditches need dredging or it needs some sort of system where the water is drained off into a field.

water is drained off into a held.
"I understand it would be very difficult to put any type of underground drainage system. It is a continuous hazard, year in year out, whenever we have bad weather." Councillor Dudson believes that even though the area which is prone to flooding is in a se-cluded location, it is a bane for vehicles travelling along the road. Staffordshire County Council says

Staffordshire County Council says it will be carrying out an investigation into the issue.

Cabinet member for highways and transport Councillor Mark Deaville said: "There is an issue with flooding after periods of heavy rain at one low point on Stile Cop Road which is located between two fields. We will be carrying out investigations to establish if this issue is as a result of field drainage and will be working with the drainage and will be working with the landowner if necessary to resolve it.



Park enjoys record numbers

to close by storm Doris.

The park welcomed a 95 per cent increase in visitors compared with 2015.

William Bryan, managing director at Drayton Manor Park, said: "We were delighted to see so many visitors enjoying Thomas Land during February half-term and look forward to welcoming returning and new guests when we ing returning and new guests when we open the park for the season." Despite

DRAYTON Manor park smashed its record number of visitors during February 18 welcomed an unprecedented number to close by storm Doris.

being forced to close early due to the high winds of Storm Doris, the park welcomed an unprecedented number of guests from Saturday, February 18

Thomas Land, the park's homage to the much loved children's character will see a brand new ride coming as the new season begins

James and the Red Balloon will open on April 1 and is based on the Thomas and Friends favourite and his mischieyous antics with a hot-air balloon.





16 Overcrowded trains 'due to illness'

LONDON Midland has blamed a 'spike in illness' for overcrowding prob-lems on the Chase Line earlier this year. Complaints have be-come louder in recent months with Amanda Milling, MP for Cannock

Milling, MP for Cannock Chase, and Walsall North MP David Winnick raising the issue in Parliament.
The operator said:
"Performance did dip at the turn of the year due to a combination of factors including a spike in illness. On the four weeks to February, four of our public performance measures for the Chase Line ures for the Chase Line rose by over six per cent points to 92.5 per cent."



Paycare staff Emily Glew, centre, of Cannock, Alison Buckingham and George Comlan

Fundraising is plain (ab)seiling for Jade

Secker stepped out of her comfort zone to help raise more than £7,500 for a worthy cause – and dropped 110ft down the side of Walsall New

110ft down the side of Walsall New Art Gallery.
Charity fundraising officer Jade was there to support the dozens of adrenalin junkies in the daring abseil to raise money for The Haven women's refuge in Wolverhampton, and hadn't intended to take part.
But at the last minute, she decided she too would boost the fundraising

The 26-year-old said: 'It was such a last-minute decision – this was completely out of my comfort zone.
"But I thought it was about time I

took on a challenge as I spend most of my days encouraging others to do

The best part was being able to

for such an amazing charity . . . oh, and getting my feet firmly back on the ground.'

More than 30 people clambered

More than 30 people clambered down the town centre art gallery for the charity at the weekend.

Among them, and wearing a very appropriate 'Superman' T-shirt, was 20-year-old Dudley man George Conlan. He said: "It is the first time I have done it off the top of a building. I quite enjoyed it, really."

More than £7,500 has already hear raised for the cause As Jado

been raised for the cause. As Jade did not have time to get sponsorship beforehand, anyone who would like to make a donation for her daring feat can go to uk.virginmoneygiving.

com/JadeHavenAbseil
She said: "I would be so grateful of any donations and I know the charity will too!"



Jade Secker in her impromptu abseil down the gallery

Police oppose pub's plan for outside drinks

POLICE have objected to a pub land-lord's bid to create an outdoor area to serve alcohol and show films after ex-pressing fears that children will be ex-posed to booze.

Bosses at The Chase Inn on Hagley Road, Rugeley, have applied to Cannock Chase Council to amend its licence.

They want to be able to 'license the rear external area of the premises for the sale of alcohol and the exhibition of films until 10pm', according to a report.

sale of alcohol and the exhibition of films until 10pm, according to a report.

But Staffordshire Police licensing officer Sergeant Tracey Carsley has moved to block the plans amid concerns over noise nuisance and underage drinking.

A spokesman for Marston's, which runs the, said: "I have undertaken my own risk assessment." The variation is set artificiated to acknowled official to the literature of the contract of the said."

own risk assessment." The variation is not anticipated to adversely affect the licensing objectives, the spokesman added. The council's licensing sub-committee is set to make a formal decision on the licence application today (Thursday).





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Millie's wish gets festival backing



Bea, aged three, has spastic diplegic cerebral palsy and is awaiting an operation

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A MUSIC festival will again be backing a girl's bid to get
treatment unavailable on the NHS. Staffs Fest, which will
be held over May Bank Holiday on May 26, 27 and 28, will
be championing Millie Bea's Walking Wish, for the threeyear-old girl who has spastic diplegic cerebral palsy.

Her parents Natalie and Chris Hughes, from Abbots
Bromley, have already raised more than £73,000 over the
last year, and an operation is pencilled in for the end of
2017. The festival's director Lorraine Conkey said: "We are
delighted to help champion Millie Bea's cause again this
year and raise awareness as the operation will costs thousands of pounds, never mind the intensive physiotherapy
she will need afterwards.

"Millie and the whole family will be at the festival
throughout the weekend so please come along and support

"Millie and the whole family will be at the festival throughout the weekend so please come along and support them." Weekend tickets for the festival, which will be held at Lower Drayton Farm in Penkridge, are £40 and evenings are £10 a ticket. Day tickets are £20. Children under 16 are free with an adult. Visit www.staffsfest.co.uk or follow on Twitter @staffsfest17 and on Facebook. For more information on Millie Bea's Walking Wish visit http://just4children.org/children-helped2016/millie-beas-walking-wish/

Schools to lose out on £110m **funding**

Country will lose almost £110 million over five years under the Government's new fund-

Inve years under the Government's new funding formula, according to new figures.

Research by the National Union of Teachers (NUT) shows that schools across the region will see funding slashed by up to 10 per cent.

The Government said its proposed formula would balance out funding across the country and was at the heart of a pledge to 'build ac country that works for everyone'.

But campaigners have warned it will see 98 per cent of schools worse off in real terms, with state schools which have the high-

schools which have the highest number of pupils on free school meals, set to be hit the hardest.

Sandwell is set to be hit hardest in the Black Country, with funding falling by 10 per cent (£23.79m) by 2019-20. In Dudley, funding will drop by nine per cent under the new formula (£18.41m) while it will fall by the same level in Walsall (£19.15m).

Wolverhampton's schools

Wolverhampton's schools will see an eight per cent

while, schools in Stafford-shire will be £33.72m worse off under the proposals – a fall of seven per cent.

NUT general secretary Kevin Courtney said:
"These findings confirm that the Government's proposed funding formula will work for no accounter that the second formula will work for no accounter that the second formula will work for no accounter that the second formula will work for no accounter that the second formula will work for no accounter that the second formula will work for no accounter that the second formula will be second for the second for the second formula will be second for the second for

work for no-one unless more money is found."

A spokesman for the De-partment for Education said the existing formula was based on 'patchy and incon-sistent decisions' that have built up over many years, and on data that is more than a decade old.

"We are going to end the historical postcode lottery in school funding," the spokes-man added.

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Jam-packed fundraising bid

ROTARIANS and their families who enjoy jam have been given a generous gift as part of a charity campaign.

Tiptree Preserves, also known as Wilkin Tiptree Preserves, also known as wilkin & Sons Ltd, has donated a jar of Purple4Polio jam for every Rotarian in Staffordshire, Shropshire and parts of the West Midlands. The two varieties are Greengage and Early Rivers Plum, and it will be luck as to

which of these Rotarians receive

The aim is to raise at least £20 per jar in support of Rotary's End Polio campaign.

Each Rotarian and club can do whatever they choose with their jam, but the hope is that each recipient of a jar will make a suggested minimum donation of £2 for it

gested minimum donation of £2 for it.
Having enjoyed the contents, it is hoped
the jars will be filled with loose change or
even £1/£2 coins so hopefully at least £20
per jar will go to the End Polio Campaign.
District governor John Sayer said: "I encourage Rotarians and friends to enjoy the
jam and be generous with the small change
collection once the jar is empty."

'Pay first' call as thousands steal petrol

THERE have been nearly 4,000 petrol thefts in Staffordshire over the last two years - prompting calls for stations all over the county to force drivers to pay before they fill up.

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis has hit out after revealing fig-

rolle and or time commissioner matthew this has fine to did after revealing figures relating to what he calls an 'entirely preventable crime' which he believes can be stopped 'overnight'. Between 2014 and 2016, there were 3,751 reports of drivers failing to pay to Staffordshire Police. However, only 179 people had a criminal outcome, meaning that they were charged and taken to court.

Woolly buddies have star quality



Newborn lambs Ant and Dec at Amerton Farm in Stowe

ANT and Dec had better watch their back because there's a new duo in town. Amerton Farm, near Stafford, has wel-

a new duo in town. Amerton Farm, near Stafford, has welcomed two newborn cade lambs named after the Geordie pair – and they're even from Newcastle, although this is the 'under-Lyme' version as opposed to 'upon Tyne'. The family-fun farm in Stowe by Chartley held a Facebook competition to name the baby sheep. Among the suggestions were Ronnie and Reggie, Bowie and Prince, and Buddy and Berty, but Ant and Dec came out on top. Ant, who is five-weeks-old, and six-weeks-old Dec were sadly rejected by their mothers at the farm in Newcastle. But staff at Amerton say the pair – they are not related – are settling in well. Eunice Finney, managing director, said: "We took them in and we're feeding them lambs milk through a bottle. The children love coming in after school to feed them, and they've been settling in well."

For further details on Amerton Farm go to the website at www.amerton farm.co.uk or call 01889 270294.

Mr Ellis said: "If we had any other crime where we were only charging six per cent of those who did it, there would quite rightly be uproar. I think that petrol station owners need to do more to prevent this happening at all.

"It could be done over-

Tit could be done overnight, all they have to do is
make people go inside before
they fill their cars up. This is
an avoidable crime and if we
are spending time chasing
this down when we could be
tackling different issues, I
don't see the point. don't see the point.

Loss

"The charge rate is too low, and that reflects badly

low, and that reflects badly on the police force, but petrol station owners should be doing more."

The figures mean that more than 2,800 people got away with driving off without paying between 2014 and 2016. Of the 3,751 researed even of first theft.

and 2016. Of the 3,731 reported cases of fuel theft, 725 returned to pay.

In financial terms, the total loss to businesses was £193,024 between 2014 and 2016 and on average \$28,604 was left in Stef £38,604 was lost in Staffordshire fuel taxation each

year. Mr Ellis said: "Over 2,800 people got away with driving off without paying between 2014 and 2016. That is over 2,800 crimes that could have been eliminated simply by petrol stations changing the way they charge."

Bus firm in vow

NATIONAL Express West Midlands has signed up to Royal National Institute of Blind People's Bus Charter to ensure services are ac-cessible for customers with sight loss. The Bus Charter sets out 13 commitments that the operator will meet.

Have a say Chef serves up lesson on homes

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PLANS to develop dozens of homes in Great Haywood have moved a step closer.

More detailed proposals for the scheme in Little Tixall Lane have been sub-mitted to Stafford Borough Council by Cannock-based Seabridge Developments.

The council has previously approved plans in principle for 77 homes including 54 private properties and 23 affordable homes.

A public consultation is being held until the end of the month. Visit staffordbc. gov.uk to take part.

on healthier lifestyle

A STAFFORDSHIRE chef is working with more than 20 schools to encourage families to lead healthier lifestyles.

John Whittle, executive chef at Staffordshire University, had an overwhelming response from the public when he launched a search for a local school to 'adopt' as part of national healthy eating scheme Adopt a School in November. He has committed to working with each school that contacted him, alongside his busy day job, and has spent the past two months visiting classrooms across the region to teach schoolchildren about healthy food and show them basic cooking skills. He has also been approached to work with several local and national healthy eating schemes.

John said: "Hopefully, getting children engaged with food and excited about cooking from a young age will lead them to live healthier lifestyles.

"I'm also keen to get the message out there to families that healthy eating doesn't have to be expensive."

Ex-soldier was killed CARPAROL in paragliding crash

Boer War treat found at pub



Hanson with the chocolate tin Queen Victoria sent to troops

sent to her troops while they were

serving in South Africa was among the find. The items also include a rare food vacuum tin can made by pioneering firm Donkin and Hall.

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The Boer War was fought by the
British Empire against the Boers
comprised of the combined forces of
the South African Republic and the
Republic of the Orange Free State.

The Boer Republics declared war
on October 11, 1899, and the conflict ended on May 31, 1902 with a
British victory.

The guide price on the archive is
between £200 and £300 and will be
entered into a sale on March 21 at
its Etwell auction house.

RARE artefacts from the Boer War more than a century ago – including some leftover chocolate – have been found stashed away in a cupboard at a Lichfield pub.

The historical gems were found at The Hedgehog Inn during a valua-tion and are now expected to fetch hundreds of pounds when they go under the hammer. Charles Hanson, director of Han-

Charles Hanson, director of Han-sons Auctioneers, who has appeared on BBC's Bargain Hunt, said: "It was an archive kept in a cupboard in Lichfield belonging to our client's father who was a collector."

A box containing remnants of chocolate which Queen Victoria

A FORMER soldier from Burnt-wood was killed when his paraglider crashed into a French mountain after being hit by a 'vi-

mountain after being hit by a 'violent and sudden' valley wind.
Forty-seven-year-old David Lee, who had served in the Royal Signals after joining the Army at 16, had taken off at Col de Fordaz on the afternoon of September 8 and was enjoying 'perfect' flying conditions as he soared over Lac-d'Annecy.
But after about an hour, the former Chasetown High School pupil started to plummet below the ridge line and careered into a mountain in

careered into a mountain in the Dent de Pleuven area at

1,600 metres above ground.
An inquest in Cannock heard that Mr Lee had lost control of his glider after a downward wind caused the front of it to collapse. In a letter

control of his glider after a downward wind caused the front of it to collapse. In a letter read out at the hearing, his mother Sylvia Lee paid a touching tribute to her son. She said: "David started paragliding aged 14. He was a vigilant person who would have had good equipment. He enjoyed outdoor activities, like fly-fishing, he enjoyed running when he was younger. He took risks but didn't cut corners. "He was a wonderful son, he made a lasting impression on those he met. He was loving and giving and will be missed by many." Mr Lee had lived in France for the last 15 years, residing in Andolie, and was engaged to be married. He was an avid paraglider having flown more than 400 times. In the three days before his death he had taken an advanced course but David Thompson, an expert from the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association, who investigated Mr Lee's death, told the inquest he still could have been taken by surprise by the downwind.

He said: "When it happened it would have been very violent and very sudden." Assistant corner for South Staffordshire Margaret Jones concluded the death was down to 'misadventure' while the medical

Assistant coroner for South Scanfords Margaret Jones concluded the death was down to 'misadventure' while the medical cause was recorded as 'multiple injuries'.

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bers of staff for their long service. Vice Lord Lieutenant Graham Stow presented the medals, and Councillor Stephen Sweeney, chairman of the fire and rescue authority, handed out the certificates.

The Long Service Award is presented to members of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service who have completed 20 years' continuous service. The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, also presented at the ceremony, is awarded to members who have completed 20 years' operational service and have demonstrated, during this period, good conduct, loyalty and devotion to duty.

Good Ness Gracious, it's burlesque night



chfield; and Crew Manager
James Robertson, of Rugeley community fire station.
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were Firefighter Clive Arrowsmith, Kidsgrove community fire station;
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Daniels, Sandyford community fire station; Watch
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James Williams. Stone com-Award-winning burlesque performer Good Ness Gracious

STAFFORD'S first and only burlesque show is returning

STAFFORD'S first and only burlesque show is returning with an evening of glitz and glamour.

Très Très Cabaret launched in 2013 and has performed numerous sell-out shows in the MET Studio at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre. Award-winning international artiste Good Ness Gracious appears next month. She promises to bring boundless fun and sparkle to the stage.

She received the Audience Choice Award at The Neo Burleman Awards in 2015 and was overded four turners un fewere Awards in 2015 and was overded four turners un fewere Awards in 2015 and was overded four turners un fewere Awards in 2015 and was overded four turners un fewere a fewere and four turners un fewere and four turners and four turners and fewere and four turners and fewere and four turners and fewere a

She received the Audience Choice Award at The Neo Bur-lesque Awards in 2015 and was awarded first runner-up for Burlesque Idol in 2014. A variety of other acts will take to the stage on April 15 at the Eastgate Street venue. The show is for over-18s only. More details are available at www.staffordgatehousetheatre.co.uk

Ale around world

nity fire station; Firefighter James Williams, Stone com-munity fire station.

Recipients from across the county who received a medal and certificate during the event at the service's headquarters include Fire-

fighter Jason Humphreys, of Cannock community fire station; Watch Manager Michael Jones, based at Li-chfield; and Crew Manager James Robertson, of Ruge-



NHS staff | Cathedral makes it 'motivated'

HUNDREDS of staff at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust say they feel motivat-ed at work and that they are

ed at work and that they are satisfied with the quality of the care they are able to de-liver to patients. The staff satisfaction survey also found that the workers said they are happy with the support they re-ceive at work and with the way senior management communicate with them. The findings were the re-

The findings were the result of questions answered by nearly 400 staff in a national NHS survey.

onto shortlist of 13

LICHFIELD Cathedral has been named as one of 13 finalists in a contest to find the nation's favourite cathedral. It is the only three-spired medieval cathedral in the UK and has been shortlisted for the annual contest by Holiday-Lettings.co.uk which is owned by TripAdvisor.

Staffordshire residents and visitors to the cathedral have been encouraged to vote for the treasured landmark before voting closes at midnight on March 30.

Simon Warburton, director of operations and enterprise at Lichfield Cathedral, said: "It is an honour to be shortlisted for this award, and it is a real validation of the cathedral's beauty, the hard work of our staff and volunteers and the diverse programme of activity we undertake.

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"There are so many incredible cathedrals all across the UK – Lichfield is often undervalued but should be heralded as a national treasure, so we would be extremely grateful if people could vote for us in this competition."

Children's hospital has three million reasons to smile

BIRMINGHAM Children's Hospital Charity has only £650,000 left to raise in its £3.65 million campaign to build the UK's first Rare Diseases Centre for children. The Star Appeal, which launched in October 2015, has now hit the £3m milestone.

It means it is one step closer to making the dreams of thousands of young people living with a rare or undiagnosed condition come true. Many families have to spend a lot of time seeing different specialists on different days in different departments. To change this, the charity's £3.65m Star Appeal will build a broad pay centre. a brand new centre.

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This will provide a single place within the hospital for all assessment, diagnosis, treatment and research, bringing together – for the first time – a team of experts from specialities across the hospital all under one roof.

Sarah-Jane Marsh, chief executive of Bir-mingham Women's and Birmingham Chil-dren's Hospital, said: "To have raised £3 million in sixteen months is simply incredi-ble, and we want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has generously supported us so far.

"Our Rare Diseases Centre will improve diagnoses, ensure our children and young people are at the forefront of research and medical advances and enable families to spend time together, sharing their experiences of living with some of the most complex conditions imaginable."

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The Rare Diseases Centre will be housed inside the hospital's new £37.5m clinical block, in Whittall Street, along with a new combined inpatient and outpatient cancer centre and three new theatres.

Dr Larissa Kerecuk, rare disease lead at Birmingham Children's Hospital, said:

"We're seeing more and more young people nate £5.

"We're seeing more and more young people



Matilda Hatton, aged eight, from Great Wyrley, is one of the children who will benefit from the hospital's new centre

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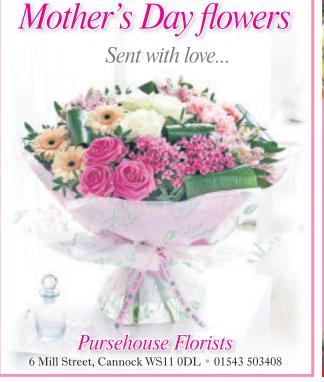














Eighty patients wait Boost for cycle charity's Steps To Work 23 12 hours for beds

to wait 12 hours for a bed at hospitals in Staffordshire during January, figures have revealed.

Another review into 12-hour trol-ley waits at Stafford's County Hospital will be carried out after the trust which runs the hospital fell well short of national targets again.

During January 2017, the University Hospitals North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs Stafford's County Hospital and the Royal Stoke hospital, a total of 80 12 hour breaches were made, with the national target set at

An investigation was launched after similar breaches in the week after Christmas, with bosses declaring an-other will be carried out into the imother will be carried out into the impact they have on patient safety and experience quality.

The breaches were split with 32 coming at County Hospital and the rest at Royal Stoke.

Paula Clark, chief executive, said

the majority of cases came at the start



County Hospital in Stafford

of the month, when more than 650 people a day were accessing emergency epartments across the two sites

departments across the two sites.

She added that there had been no instances in February of patients having to suffer similar waits. She said:

"The majority of our 12-hour trolley waits for January 2017 came at the start of the month, a time when the NHS as a whole faced extraordinary system-wide pressures. During this period, over 650 people a day attended our energency departments.

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"One of the biggest issues for us was

charged from our care in a timely way. which meant that beds could not then

which meant that beat could not then be freed up for additional patients.
"Our partners have been working hard to resolve this lack of appropriate hard to resolve this lack of appropriate alternative care options, and progress has been made. We have also been working hard to improve the way we work so that we prevent any internal delays to discharge.

"This joined-up approach is having a positive impact, and we are pleased to report that there were no 12-hour trol-up waits in February 2017 at LIHNM

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"We will continue to focus on reducing lengths of waiting times for all our patients, as well as providing them with the high-quality, compassionate care that they deserve."

A 12-hour trolley breach happens when a patient has to wait more than half a day for a hospital bed after the decision to admit them from A&E.

They have been rare occurrences at County in the last year, unlike at sister hospital Royal Stoke where there were more than 300 in nine months

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A CANNOCK charity has launched an innovative Steps To Work project to help local people into the workplace, after securing funding for the next three years.

Cycle-R, based at High Green Court is planning to provide training for 150 people, helping them gain practical work experience and qualifications.

"We are thrilled to have secured funding through the Building Better Opportunities project to support this

initiative, which will help long-term unemployed or economically inactive people in Cannock to gain skills and experience in the workplace," Cycle-R trustee Richard Lawrence said.

Building Better Opportunities has received up to £3,170,300 of funding from the European Social Fund as part of the 2014-2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme in England.

Mr Lawrence added: "Our prem-

ises in High Green Court have been refitted to provide suitable training workshop space, giving the trainees a real-world environment to learn in."

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Anyone interested in the scheme can get information from the Jobcen-tre, by calling in to Cycle-R or emailing training@cycle-r.org.uk

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Almost 70 missing persons found dead

DOZENS of people reported as missing across the West Midlands and Shropshire last year were eventually found dead, figures have revealed.

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A report from the National Crime Agency on missing persons data for 2015-16 has revealed the figures, with police forces in Staffordshire, West Midlands, West Mercia and Dyfed-Powys dealing with thousands of

and Dyfed-Powys dealing with thousands of cases of people going missing.

In total, 9,835 people were recognised as missing by the forces over this time, with 2,338 classed as high-risk.

Tragically, 68 people were found dead during this time, with West Midlands Police accounting for 31 of that figure.

One of the most shocking figures from the report shows that over the last two years, the number of cases of children logged as missing by West Midlands Police has risen by 74 per cent.

The report says the reason for this large increase is being investigated.

Increased

All areas have seen an increase in reports over the last two years, with reports of missing children going up by 55 per cent in the area covered by Dyfed-Powys police, 74 per cent in the West Midlands, 17 per cent in Staffordshire and 15 per cent in West Mercia.

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It was nearly the same with the number of adult reports, which increased by 11 per cent in Staffordshire, 18 per cent in West Mercia and 48 per cent in Dyfed-Powys. However, West Midlands Police saw a five per cent decrease over that time.

West Mercia Police Chief Inspector Jenic Matthager said the forms conducted as

West Mercia Police Chief Inspector Jennie Mattinson said the force conducted a major review into the way it responds to missing people last year. She said: "People who go missing are often some of the most vulnerable members of the community. "With any missing person, our first priority is ensuring they are found safe and well. "We then look at any underlying reasons behind why they went missing and look to address these issues. "Last year we conducted a major review of the way we respond to missing people." "This has allowed us to better indentify underlying issues with regards to missing

underlying issues with regards to missing people and working with partner agen-cies to put support in for them at an early

Pupils make the grade in police cadets scheme



The Year 6 children with PCSO Jamie Buzzard, Inspector Giles Par-

YOUNG cadets in Cheslyn Hay have celebrated their passing out

Year 6 children at Glenthorne Year 6 children at Glenthorne Primary have taken part in the Police Cadet Scheme, a six-week course run by police community support officers (PCSOs), who have gone into the school to supervise the youngsters for the one-hour sessions.

Each session consisted of a de-Each session consisted of a de-tailed lesson plan and covered topics such as crime scenes, fingerprints, anti-social behaviour and looking after the community.

Inspector Giles Parsons, South Staffs Local Policing Team Com-

mander, and PCSO Gareth Lloyd attended the passing out parade and handed the youngsters their certificates in front of an audience of parents and staff.

or parents and staff.

Year 6 teacher Nicola Turner,
deputy head at the Glenthorne
Drive school, said: "As a school, we
feel it is important to instil a sense
of community, respect and understanding of the law in our pupils,
which the Police Cadets have supported us with.

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"This has been a great opportunity for the children, and they have learned valuable information that they can pass on to their peers and family members."



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Debbie Wright, community colleague at Asda Cannock, with manager Charles Page, and Steve Hawkes from Blood Bikes

manager Charles Page, and Steve Hawkes from Blood Bikes SHOPPERS have helped a volunteer service which provides emergency transportation of blood land a donation of £500. Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes received the money through the Asda Foundation which supports local charities and good causes nominated by customers.

The money will go towards the cost of running the 24-hour volunteer service which delivers urgent blood deliveries on behalf of NHS hospitals across Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire.

The team also transport a variety of other urgent medical items including breast milk which is donated by women, patient notes, electronic scan information and even small

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patient notes, electronic scan information and even small pieces of urgently needed surgical equipment.

Steve Houkes, public relations manager, said: "It's absolutely fantastic to have been granted the donation, especially as the local public voted for us. It's great that the public value what we do as a service so it's even better that we're getting our name out there.

"Every penny will go towards the running of our service. We currently spend around £15,000 on fuel for the bikes a year so it'll go towards keeping the life-saving service on the road," he added.

Asda shoppers' £500 boost for blood bikes Police are called out 500 times to prisons

POLICE have been called to more than 500 incidents in prisons in the past six years, according to new figures.

A Freedom of Information request has revealed they were called 531 times between 2011 and 2016 to incidents at prisons. The most call-outs was in 2011, when there were 130 – dipping to 75 in 2016.

A response issued by the force to accompany the figures states: "Some of the incidents recorded may not necessarily have occurred on necessarily have occurred on the prison premises, rather the prison may be the near-est identifiable landmark and so has been entered into the incident report. "Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is im-portant to note that these

portant to note that these data have been extracted from a number of data sources used by forces for

sources used by forces for police purposes."
In 2012, there were 93 call-outs, falling to 88 in 2013; there were 75 in 2014 and 70 in 2015. The data also revealed that eight incidents since 2014 were library to logal highs.

linked to legal highs.

In December, prisoners across four wings of HMP Birmingham, run by se-curity firm G4S, wreaked

By Rob Cox

havoc, causing an estimated £2 million of damage. More than 500 inmates, a third of the jail's population, were shipped out of what is one of the country's largest prisons following the 12-hour riot.

In January it was revealed that ambulances have been called out to prisons across

that ambulances have been called out to prisons across the wider region more than 1,400 times in two years. Over 2015 and 2016, the most frequently visited prison was HMP Oakwood, followed by HMP Featherstone and Winson Green.

At each prison except Swinfen Hall, the number of call-outs increased in 2016 from 2015, with HMP Oakwood seeing the biggest rise, from 216 to 279.

The statistics do not reveal how many call-outs related to prisoners or staff, or how many were related to violent incidents.



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METAL detecting has long been associated with the discovery of lost

treasures, writes Heather Large.
But for Colin Pearson the hobby is all about unearthing and preserving pieces of

You can't believe what's lying a foot below "You can't believe what's lying a foot below the surface of the ground, just waiting to be discovered. You could find something someone lost 2,000 years ago and it hasn't been touched by anyone since. You could be the first person to find it and that's a fantastic feeling. "This is our history and it needs to be preserved and recorded," says the member of Bloxwich Research and Metal Detector Club.

The 71-year-old first picked up a metal detector, belonging to his uncle, in 1976, sparking his interest in the pastime.
"My Uncle George lived in Hinckley and was self-employed. He used to clean the drains along the A5 and would find Roman artefacts.

Retired

"During a visit I had a go with his metal detector and got hooked. I decided to buy myself a metal detector and I've never looked back,"

a metal detector and I've never looked back," he explains.

Since then the retired engineer has made thousands of discoveries with many taking pride of place in his Wolverhampton home where he meticulously researches and records every item. They've included artefacts such as coins and juvallery dating back to the times of the Re-

They've included artefacts such as coins and jewellery dating back to the times of the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

All finds of interest are also recorded on the Portable Antiquities Scheme national database, making them available for worldwide research by anybody. Among some of Colin's prized discoveries are 15 Roman silver coins dating back as far as 77AD, during the reign of Vespasian, up until the reign of Marcus Aurelius in 161AD.

He also discovered a 15th century gold reliquary in a farmer's field in Middleton on the Staffordshire/Warwickshire border, which at the time was valued at £7,000 and was acquired by Warwickshire Museum.

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It's engraved with the figure of St George who's in the act of killing a dragon. The item is thought to be the lid to a small diamond-shaped box, which probably would've been worn on a chain around the neck. All that glisters - the Middletor Jewel, dated 1450 AD around the neck.
"This was a once

around the neck.

"This was a oncein-a-lifetime find because it's so rare. It's
fantastic that's it been saved
from just being buried for eternity. Now people will be able to
see it," says Colin. The oldest item
in his collection is a 5,000-year-old axe
blade, while one of the most curious is a
ring which he believes features an engraving
of William Shakespeare's head.

"It really does look like him but I haven't
been able to get it confirmed. I don't know if
it's of the period or from the 18th century," explains Colin. He's also travelled further afield
and discovered a medal from the Flint Eisteddfod festival in Wales, which dates back to 1865,
beneath Bournemouth Pier. Made from 90 per
cent tin, Colin says it's in a good condition for

beneath Bournemouth Pier. Made from 90 per cent tin, Colin says it's in a good condition for its age and considering where it was found. "It's unbelievable. How it survived all the salt water, I don't know," says Colin, who's been a club member since 1990. Founded in 1978, the club has around 60 members who spend every Sunday searching sites, between Wheaton Aston and Tamworth. sites, between Wheaton Aston and Tamworth. They research an area first before applying for permission from the landowner to carry out a search. A quality metal detector can cost upwards of £150 and many will have distinctive beep tones based on the type of metal. Colin says he doesn't have a set method for searching with his detector and tends to wander around randomly. Every time he hears the beep of his metal detector he gets excited. "It's a fabulous feeling," he adds.

"There's a moment
when you don't
know what you'ree
going to find. You
can end up with a
lump of earth and
a piece of history inside it," he says.
After hearing the
beep, he then digs a
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Club members keep in touch with the Finds Liaison Officer for Staffordshire & West Midlands who is based at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and helps with the recording of discoveries. Colin adds: "Research is the best part because you start not knowing anything about an item but you can find out its history and who might have owned it or made it. Every item is interesting. It's a fantastic hobby."

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The pupils who took part in the sports camp at Redhill Primary School, with the coaches

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ressive Sports.
In total, 28 pupils from Years 1 through to 6 took part in archery, dodgeball, basketball, football, cricket

and other sports.

"The club confirms Redhill's commitment to sport and physical well-being and was hugely enjoyed by all who took part," a school spokesman said.
"A lot of this was down to the great

enthusiasm and behaviour of the pils and the programme organised by the two coaches, Joe and Sean."

The sports camp was organised

as a result of funding from the Staf-fordshire Police and Crime Commis-sioner's Fund. "Our funding means the club will definitely run again at Easter, Whitsun and twice in the sum-mer," the spokesman added.

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"But if the numbers and enthusiasm of the children remain the same, it will hopefully become a permanent

Meanwhile, Year 6 pupils at the school took part in an Ethical Challenge' organised by the Co-op as part of International Fairtrade Fortnight.

The day began with activities in

class led by regional manager James Knight. The pupils then learned about the distribution of wealth in the world and the Co-op's involvement.

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Colour in the garden helps set the mood

Award-winning garden designer Tom Massey tells Hannah Stephenson how colour in the garden can alter your mood, ease negative emotions and lift spirits

A SPIRAL of colour is the theme top designer Tom Massey has taken on in his latest show garden which displays the way gardens can enhance your mood and help your wellbeing.

Research shows the therapeutic value and feeling of wellbeing that people get from gardening, according to Thrive, the charity that uses gardening to help people living with disabilities or ill health, or are vulnerable or isolated. But colour can also make an impact.

Massey, 31, was inspired by zen gardens and Japanese designs to come up with his Perennial Sanctuary Garden – to be shown at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show in July – and has done much research on how the colour and form of plants can change your mood.

At the outer edge of his

showpiece, the vibrant red colours represent the inner chaos that can come from being at crisis point.

As the visitor takes the jour-

as the visitor takes the journey into the garden following a winding gravel path, sounds from outside the garden fade.

The planting becomes taller and more immersive and the colour scheme moves through stimulating yellows and oranges to more restful purples, blues and finally, pure green.

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Towards the middle of the design the planting is simplified, leading to a calm sanctuary at the centre of the garden.

Here the planting changes to a single species of towering bamboo that screens the outside world, creating a safe haven and place for peaceful reflection, hidden from view.

But you don't have to create a show garden to generate a positive atmosphere in your outside space.

The use of a particular palette to generate a mood can be replicated in many gardens, according to Mas-

sey.
"Red is a very stimulating colour – it's eye-catching, it can mean passion, danger and warning, but ultimately it's an exciting colour," says Massey, who uses Sanguisorba "Tanna", Crocosmia 'Hellfire' and Pani-

mately it's an exciting colour," says Massey, who uses Sanguisorba "Tanna", Crocosmia "Hellfire' and Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah' to energise and uplift in his own show garden.

"Red comes to the fore if you want a vibrant bed."

Orange hues spark enthusiasm, fascination, happiness and creativity, combining the energy of red and the happiness of yellow.

If you prefer an orange palette, you might try Achillea millefolium "Terracotta' and Kniphofia uvaria "Nobilis'.

Yellow is the colour of sunshine, associated with joy, happiness and intellect and produces a warming effect, arousing cheerfulness and stimulating mental activity, says Massey.

It's an optimistic, positive colour and plants in this band include Helianthus annuus and Inula helenium.

Purple is associated with wisdom and dignity.

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Plants in this band include Veronicastrum virginicum 'Fascination' and Miscanthus 'Purpursacens' Lilac and lavender shades also have a restful quality.
Blue is often associated with depth and stability,

symbolising trust, loyalty, wisdom, confidence and

Plants in this band include Panicum virgatum 'Heavy Metal' and Phlox 'Blue Paradise'.

Bright colours tend to look more vibrant in sunny

Strings, while blue and green palettes can flourish in semi-shaded areas, creating a cool, calm atmosphere. At the centre of Massey's garden, is the screen of towering bamboo.

The colour palette is pure green, the colour of nature, representing growth, harmony, freshness, stabilities, and the colour paletters are considered as the colour paletters.

ity and endurance

Green has healing power, it is the most restful colour for the human eye and it has strong emotional corre-spondence with safety and sanctuary. "Different forms and textures can be visually excit-

ing and stimulating, but if you have one single species it can create a calming, restful environment," says

:: The Perennial Sanctuary Garden will be shown at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show from July 3 to



Iris can bring a dash of colour to flower beds

BESI OF INE BUNCH - DWAIT INS
THE miniature rockery iris, I. reticulata, grows
to just 10cm and brightens up scree beds and
containers, its flowers in shades of blue with yellow inner markings or orange splashes, emerging before the grassy tuffs of leaves around 30cm high. Plant the bulbs at twice their own depth in high. Plant the bulbs at twice their own depth in late autumn in a well-drained, sunny spot, adding grit to the soil to help drainage. Good varieties include I. 'Harmony', which bears deep velvety blue flowers with yellow lines, and 'Blue Note', which is violet blue with feather white markings. I. 'Katharine Hodgkin' is another to look out for, with its light blue flowers with rich yellow tongues and a marcon fleck.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT - Early veg
If you want to steal a march on summer start

If you want to steal a march on summer, start sowing some delicious crops in your soil border in your greenhouse now and you should be harvesting them long before some of your neighbours. You shouldn't go far wrong if you sow produce which is going to remain under cover thoughout its life. Vegetables such as French beans, carrots and baby beetroot are great for this and you'll be harvesting them much earlier than you would

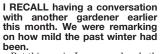
outside. Check on the seed packet that you have a greenhouse variety. With climbing beans, sow a greemouse variety. What thinking beaus, sow two bean seeds per pot and place them on green-house staging in a frost-free greenhouse. When they have filled their pots with roots, plant them 20cm apart in the greenhouse border enriched with organic matter and put in a stake between with organic matter and put in a stake between each plant. Make sure you save space for later crops such as tomatoes, which can be planted in late April or May. Baby root vegetables and salad crops including radishes, spinach and lettuce, can also be sown thinly in the greenhouse

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

- :: Harden off autumn-sown cauliflowers which have been overwintered in frames
- :: Regularly check late potatoes you have in store. As sprouts appear, rub them out :: In mild, dry conditions, plant out polyanthus :: Tidy up pansies and violas in hanging bas-kets and containers as they come into life for
- spring
 :: Top dress permanent plantings in tubs
 :: Clean watering cans, seed trays and pots for
 the season ahead

Moving on towards spring from remnants of Doris

ROSS **UNDERWOOD**



But this was in January and we both agreed that we could not count on a lucky escape as February was still to

February storms seem to have become a norm and the most recent, Doris, was no

exception. The beginning of March brings a kind of

cabin fever to gardeners.

They just want to get out there and get on with a bit of an early weeding, soil improvement, seed sowing or the multitude of other tasks which are needed.

tasks which are needed.
One task that I try never to neglect at
this time is to re-pot containerised shrubs
which live year round in their container.
If they become too congested then it is
easy for potted shrubs to languish and then

fade.
Shrubs such as camellias should be lifted and handled carefully so as not to damage the buds that they are carrying.

Tease

Try to tease out the more fibrous roots and knock off as much old compost as pos-

and knock off as much old compost as possible.
You can use secateurs to prune away some of the thickest and most woody ones so as to leave room for the thinner feeding roots that will regrow in the pot.
When you put it back in its home make sure that you water the new compost in so that it settles around the root ball without leaving any air gaps that could lead to the plant drying out.
You should protect the new plants from getting blown over by the wind before they have gotten a secure purchase in their new home.

nome.

Sometimes it is no good, we get beaten by the weather whatever our intentions.

That is when it is nice to do two things.

The first is to settle down with some good gardening books.

I have read three recently that have kept

my attention and that I would recommend

The first is by Michael and Anne Hesel-tine (yes THAT Michael Heseltine) and is entitled "Thenford" after the garden that he and his wife have created.

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It is a large coffee table sized book, certainly not one to carry around.

However, it is worth sitting down with as the writing is really very good and the images are excellent.

It is always nice to provide the real of the re

It is always nice to peer into the gardens of the great and the good to see what they have got that we can't have in our own gar-

den.
There is always a vicarious thrill for good



Such flowers are now becoming a more common sight as the year progresses



Ross has some top tips for good books to read



Bright coloured flowers are a sign spring is on its way

gardeners in seeing something grown well. My next recommendations cross the At-lantic to the USA which is home to some

excellent gardens and in which Chanticleer is among the most renowned.

I first read about it elsewhere but a recent book about it was on my Christmas list.

Magical

The book is rather pretentiously titled The Art of Gardening".

But as you read on it seems not far from the truth.

The gardeners at Chanticleer use plants

magical effects Finally, my last choice for a wet weather

Finally, my last choice for a wet weather read is titled "The New York Botanical Garden" and is a celebration of that institution and a history of the rise and fall of its fortunes until the present day.

Since Frederick Law Olmstead designed

Central Park and more recently with the creation of the High Line, New York has been an inspirational city in the creation of public green spaces though the Botanical Garden has been comparatively overlooked. Perhaps this book will put right that

to as set designer do on stage to conjure omission? It is worth a read in any case.

My final tip for a windy or wet evening is to seek out your local gardening club or horticultural society. Many hold excellent winter lectures by

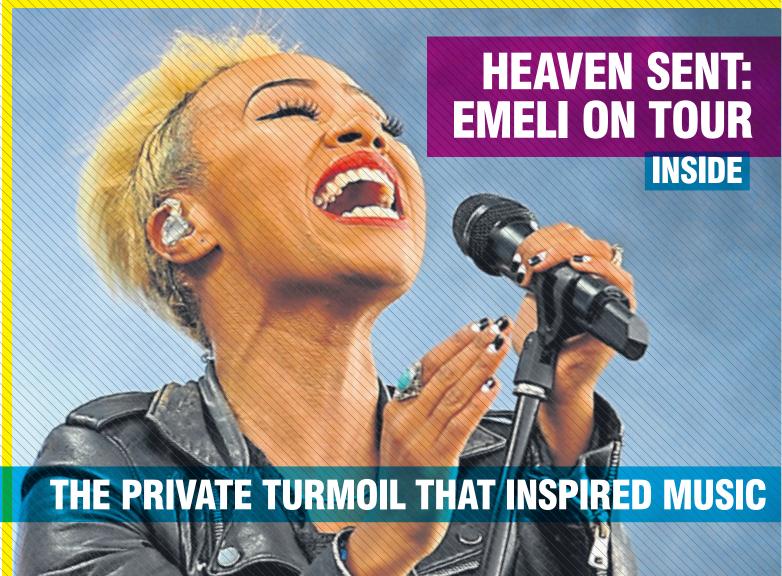
local or visiting gardeners though a good many have suffered a decline in member-

Ship.
You might be just what these groups are

looking for!
Who knows, you could swap a few garden-

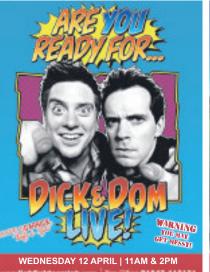
ing books around.

Cher up – its almost looking like spring out there!

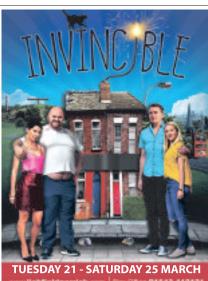












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Being in the limelight s Heaven for Emeli

he started out on the sidelines. Emeli Sande spend the early part of her career writing hits for other performers. After teaming up with producer/writer Shahid Khan, aka Naughty Boy, she worked on tracks for Alesha Dixon, Chipmunk, Professor Green, Devlin, Preeya Kalidas, Cheryl Cole, and Tinie

"I was doing a show in London for 1Xtra and I met this guy called Naughty Boy. We got in the studio and we clicked work wise. We just started writing, not necessarily for me, we just thought 'let's write a pop tune' and experiment. And we wrote the Chipmunk track and I thought nothing of it. Naughty Boy sent it off to Chipmunk who really liked it and wrote his stuff around it."

Sande, however, hankered to be centre stage, rather than in the wings. And her big break came in 2011 when she released her debut single, Heaven. Soon, she was at the top of the charts as Read All About It gave her her first number one hit and she won a BRIT Award for British Breakthrough Act before being flown out to the USA to perform at the White House for President Obama.

TURMOIL

Sande, who plays the O2 Academy in Birmingham on Sunday, had great expectations to live up to when she released her second album last year. And while Long Live The Angels couldn't quite match up to her seven-times debut, Our Version of Events, it reached number two on the chart and earned a gold disc. "We've been doing a lot of album promotion, radio

and TV, packed a lot in. So it's been a bit busy, but all

quite fun. Hopefully it was worth it."

But while Sande has enjoyed remarkable success in her professional life, it's taken a toll on her personal life. Her ten year-relationship with Adam Gouraguine, the marine biologist she started dating at 17 and married in 2012, floundered and ended in divorce

after a year.

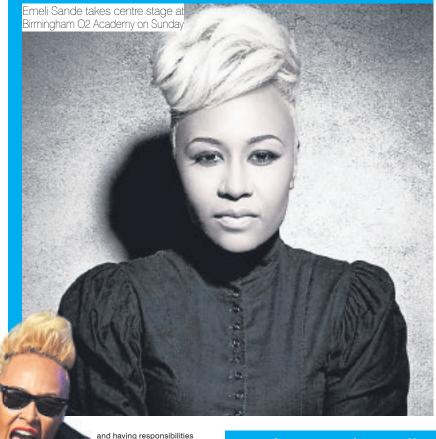
That break-down was the catalyst for Long Life The Angels, which Sande wrote to process the turmoil.

"I knew I had put so much on pause. Travelling around you do that. You put your personal life on hold, so I knew I had to take time off to know myself and what I wanted to do. Towards the end of last year I felt ready to get out there and show the music.

"I didn't feel pressure from the outside. When I write I take myself away and surround myself with friends and musicians, people I love, so any pressure comes from me, nitpicking and making it right. I wanted to make something that was worth four years out and reflected what those years of growth were for me. I wanted to tell a story of survival, that was very honest about the lows and the highs I wanted to say you can get through it and find self-love, which I found towards the end, that's the message."

Sande's new record tracks her journey through trauma to solitude, from optimism to

celebration.
"I feel like the last four years changed me. I'm much more realistic in my view of the world and my place in it. I have grown up a lot. Before I shied away from being independent



and being a grown up. As long as you do your job writing songs, everything is done for you, which is amazing, but I needed to learn grown up skills and develop knowledge and independence, self-awareness and identity. Now I'm more confident in what want to say. It's a cliché, but it's about understanding yourself and your identity.

Over this time I stepped into womanhood and adulthood and understood the reality of life. I went on a crash course of life. It was a coming of age." Sande has finally come to terms with the whirlwind nature of her success.

Though she had hoped her solo work would be successful, even she was taken aback.

"Before my first album came out I wrote with Alicia Keys. She kind of became a big sister. She'd be like, 'You have to schedule personal time'. Because I wasn't that busy, I was like, Well, you're Alicia Keys — but that probably doesn't apply to me. Now looking back, I'm like, Okay, that's why she said it. Even if it feels weird scheduling it in, you have to make sure you do nothing. It's so important that your family and the people you love have your attention, and you're still involved in real life. When a label gets involved, and

I wanted to tell a story of survival, very honest about the highs and lows

they want to push your music even to a bigger audience, you have to start keeping up with this pace. I think that unless you're feeling very healthy — mind, body, and soul — you can't get on that racetrack. You have to be so strong, and your personal life has to just be on the back burner. And for me, that was the part I didn't really like. "There's nothing I regret. [But] I did start to feel very

tired. I didn't have time to get better as an artist — and you have to live, to have something to write about. [I was] 22, 23 when it all started, and those are such crucial years to get to know yourself, especially going from a girl

"I look up to Nina Simone, Janis Joplin, and Joni Mitchell, and the depth of their lyrics, you can tell they'd really been in love and they'd really experienced things. I wanted to do more than [make] something that was selling, I really wanted to make art. I wanted to get very deep. You know, I'd left medical school to do this. I've given up a career that would've been really special to me to do this, so I've got to do it properly."

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Heads Up for new sound

It's easy to get the wrong impression about Warpaint, the Los Angeles-based rock band that have become an icon of indie cool and a touchstone for a new generation of women in rock.

The band's studio albums tend to emphasise moody atmospheres: gauzy keyboards, hypnotic harmonies and sinister grooves. Third studio album Heads Up, released last year, varies that template somewhat with its sinewy beats.

with pop.
In concert, however, the potent quartet of vocalist/
guitarist Emily Kokal, vocalist/guitarist Theresa
Wayman, bassist/vocalist Jenny Lee Lindberg and
drummer/keyboardist Stella Mozgawa temper the
moodiness with bumped-up tempos and high energy.
Fans will get to experience that when Warpaint play

Birmingham's O2 Institute on Wednesday. Of course, confounding expectations has been part of Warpaint's m.o. since the band formed in 2004. And so when the band convened to make Heads Up, they shared a common goal: to make a faster, dance-orientated record.

"We've always had this really jammy, high-energy live show compared to some of our records," Kokal says. "We all love to dance.

"We didn't want to take away from the emotion or the core feeling of what our band is all about, but we wanted to bump the speed up and have a little bit more fun."

Warpaint spent only four months in the studio making Heads Up, the quickest they've ever made a

But Lindberg says: "I feel really proud of what we made. "I love the way that it came together so nicely."

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No More Heroes? Stranglers fit bill

Though propelled into the spotlight by punk rock, The Stranglers were always one of the more accomplished and musically credible New Wave bands of the 1970s.

Their melodic rock sound, with swirling keyboards from Dave Greenfield and JJ Burnell's distinctive rumbling bass, was tied to a fearsome live reputation. More than 40 years on they can still outrock bands less than half their age.

'The Men in Black' are back on the road again this month and have a gig at Birmingham's O2 Academy on Saturday night.

Following the sell-out success of their Black and White Tour in

March last year, the group will this time present the 'Classic Collection' to coincide with the planned rerelease of their entire studio album catalogue from 1977-82.

Live dates so far suggest fans can expect such early favourites as Dagenham Dave, Sometimes, Peaches, Nice 'n' Sleazy, Grip and Down In The Sewer, alongside chart hits Skin Deep, Golden Brown and No More Heroes. Lead singer Hugh Cornwell left

Lead singer Hugh Cornwell left the band in 1990 and now The Stranglers, after a 16-year stint by Paul Roberts, are on to third lead singer, Baz Warne, formerly of Smalltown Heroes. The legendary Ruts DC provide support. Other major concerts over the

next week include Brit Awards

winner Emeli Sandé's Long Live The Angels tour to Birmingham O2 Academy on Sunday. That's the night after the venue's no3 room presents a seven-band bill topped by Wolverhampton's Jump The

On Thursday (March 23) pop star Olly Murs starts a three-night stint at the Genting Arena.

At Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms, LA Guns are in concert on Saturday and Love/Hate on Thursday. In between rock fans can catch Finland's Battle Beast, fronted by the formidable Noora Louhimo, on Wednesday.

The Strawbs play Bilston's Robin 2 on Wednesday and Paul Carrack has two nights at Symphony Hall on Friday and Saturday.





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Teetering on the brink of madness

The University of Birmingham Chorus and Symphony Orchestra are in concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday.

Saturday.
Other classic highlights include Singalong with the CBSO as chorus and orchestra, conducted by Simon Haley, perform Mendelssohn's

Elijah.
Hollywood star John Malkovich
plays a dictator teetering on the brink of madness
standing alone against the mighty Symphony Hall
organ, played by Martin Haselböck, in Just Call
Me God! on Tuesday evening.



Actor and comedian David Walliams is fast making a name for himself as a children's author in the tradition of Roald Dahl and, one of his latest books to be adapted for the stage, Gangsta Granny, will be at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Wednesday to Sunday (March 22-26).

Young Ben is anticipating a diet of cabbage and boredom when sent to spend time with his gran, but is in for a big surprise.

Produced by Birmingham Stage Company, the team behind the much-loved stage versions of Horrible Histories, fans of Walliams' cheeky humour will no doubt delight in the transition from page to stage.

Tickets start at £12. To book, call the Lichfield Street venue's box office on 01902 429212.

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CHOICE



Dame Vera Lynn: Happy 100th Birthday (BBC2, 9pm)

Katie Derham makes use of archive footage and family records to tell the story of how Vera Lynn came to become one of the UK's most well-known musical stars. Vera celebrates her 100th birthday on March 20th, and marks to occasion by reminiscing about her early days in showbusiness, with help from her daughter Virginia. She recalls starting out as Vera Welch in the 1920s, first appearing on stage at the tender age of seven, before charming the nation's servicemen and becoming the 'forces sweetheart' during the Second World War. She also remembers becoming the first British artist to achieve a number one in America in the

BBC₁

6.00 Breaklast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen
Live. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC
News; Weather 12.10 Live Six Nations
Rugby Union. Scotland v Italy (Kick-off
12.30pm). 225 Live Six Nations Rugby
Union. France v Wales (Kick-off 2.45pm).
5.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.40
BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme.
6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander
Armstrong quizzes eight writers
John O Farrell. Emma Kennedy.
Kathy Lette. Kate Mosse, Benjamin
Zephaniah. Roger McGough, Terry
Deary and Bryony Gordon. (R)
6.45 Let's Sing and Dance for Comic
Relief. Mel Gledroyc and Sue
Perkins present the third round of
celebrity performances, as
comedienne Miranda Hart.
Absolutely Fabulous co-creator
Jennifer Saunders. Tiv And radio
host Julian Clary, and comedy
actress Tameka Empson form the
judging panel. Tonight, former
Coronation Street star Sally
Lindsay (Shelley Unwin) tackles
Slade's Cum On Feel the Noize,
while This Morning showbiz
reporter Alison Hammond applies
herself to Missy Elliot's Get Ur
Freak On. The One Show's
Angellica Bell, Iwan Thomas, Alex
Riley, Michelle Ackerley and
Dominic Littlewood offer their take
on Lady Gaga's Born This Way,
while Gogglebox duo Steph and
Dom Parker step into the roles of
Cher and Meatloaf for a rendition
of Dead Ringer for Love. Also
taking to the stage this evening are
comedians Pete Firman and Ellie
Taylor, and some surprising
special guests.

which two pairs of complete
strangers team up, each battling to
outdo the other by Issting as much
as they know about a given subject.

8.40 Casualty. Robyn ends up going
into labour while accompanying
David to his brother's final resting

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes and the Brown family await the fruits of their fraud after faking Grandad's

death to get a payout. (R) 10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National

10.20 Match of the Day.

11.45 This Country.
12.10 Film: My Brother the Devil. (2012)
1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.00
BBC News.

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6.30 Film: Blackbeard the Pirate. (1952 8.10 Film: Whisky Galore! (1949) 9.30 8.10 Film: Whisky Calore! (1949) 9.30 Coast. (R) 10.30 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 11.30 May Berry Everyday. (R) 12.00 The Little Park Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) 12.30 Film: Firecreek. (1968) Western, starring James Stewart. 2.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 3.00 Gardeners' World. (R) 3.00 Compet. (R) 4.00 Only Connect. (R) 4.30 Final Score. 5.30 Flog Itl (R)

It! (R)
6.30 Wild Ireland: The Edge of the
World. Part one of two. Natural
history cinematographer Colin
Stafford-Johnson begins a journey along Ireland's Atlantic coast by along Ireland's Atlantic coast by exploring the ancient ruins and wildlife of the Skellig Rocks in the south west, where early Christian monks built a monastery 1,500 years ago. He then ventures to the deserted Blasket Islands to witness years unphers of seals deserted Blasket Islands to witness vast numbers of seals coming ashore to fight, mate and moult during winter. Moving inland, Colin heads to the nations highest mountain range in search of the last surviving herd of red

of the last surviving herd of red deer, before setting off back to the coast on the trail of humpback whales en route to Clev Bay. (R) 7.30 Britain at War: Imperial War Wuseums at 100. Talklands War veteran Simon Weston marks 100 years since the establishment of the Imperial War Museums by exploring the stories of 10 key items from the organisation's collection.

collection.

Dad's Army. The men head off for a weekend at a training camp, but arrive late and hungry after Mainwaring's map-reading skills are found to be somewhat lacking. Comedy, starring Arthur Love. (R)

9.00 Dame Vera Lynn: Happy 100th
Birthday. The former "forces
sweetheart" celebrates her 100th
birthday by recalling highlights
from her career, from first taking
to the stage in the 1920s to
topping the UK charts in 2009.

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10.00 QI XL. Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz with a difference, with guests Sheila Hancock, Jimmy Carr and Jeremy Clarkson joining regular panellist Alan Davies.

10.45 Film: True Grit. (2010) The Coen brothers' Western, with Jeff Bridges and Hailee Steinfeld. 12.30 Film: Ash Wednesday. (2002) 2.00 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.25 Dino 6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street, 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street, (R) 6.25 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures, (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures, (R) 6.45 Sooty, (R) 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story, (R) 7.00 Oddbods, (R) 7.35 Strambled: Scrambled: Scrambled: Scrambled: Scrambled: Scrambled: Scrambled: Horid Henry, (R) 8.10 Scrambled: Horid Henry, (R) 8.10 Scrambled: Teen Titans 601 8.30 Scrambled: Series, (R) 7.50 Scrambled: Horid Henry, (R) 8.10 Scrambled: Teen Titans 601 8.30 Scrambled: Survival School. 9.05 Scrambled: Horid Henry, (R) 8.10 Scrambled: Horid

Îreland v England (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.30 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night
Takeaway. The presenter duo's
long-running weekend
entertainment revue continues, as
Ant and Dec go head-to-head
against' professional gigglers'
Phillip Schofield and Holly
Willoughby in Make 'Ern Laugh.
Scarlett Moffatt teams up with
precocious junior hosts Little Ant
and Dec to join in the fun, and
another lucky fan is given a chance
to Winn the Ads.

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8.30 The Voice UK. The tension mounts as the singing contest draws ever closer to its conclusion. With the arrival of the quarter-finals, the remaining stars now have the reward of a lucrative recording contract with Polydor Records within sight. However, more live performances avait and conches leanifer. However, more live performances await, and coaches Jenniër Hudson, Tom Jones, Will.i.am and Gavin Rossdale will need to help whittle down the number of would-be stars to just eight ahead of the next, penultimate round. As ever, Erma Willis is on head to provide viewer with hand to provide viewers with access to all the backstage drama and on-stage reactions as events unfold.

unfold.

10.30 ITV News: Weather.

10.45 Lethal Weapon. Riggs and Murtauph pursue a violent case featuring a drug cartel, theft and two killings. (R)

11.35 Film: Rambo III. (1988) Action adventure sequel, with Sylvester Stallone and Richard Crenna.

1.25 Jackpot247. 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 The King of Queens. (R) 6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.30 Race of Champions 2017. 8.39 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 9.10.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 1.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 2.30 Come Dine with Me. (R) 2.30 Come Dine With Me. (R) 3.30 Come Dine With Me. (R) 3.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) 43.0 Location. Location. (R) 5.36 Frand Designs. (R) 6.30 Champel 4 News.

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Location. (R) 5.35 Grand Designs. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Escape to the Chateau. Dick and
Angel decide they will live as selfsufficiently as they can while
restoring the chateau, and invest
in some chickens to provide them
with eggs for breakfast every
morning. However, they still have
countless problems to deal with,
and have only £20,000 left to
spend on the project. The chateau
is still without either heating or
water, while the 50 windows are
crumbling. While Dick's
renovations fall behind schedule,
Angel is in her element coming up
with ideas for what the finished
building will look like. (R)
8.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's
Service. The actress visits the
Queen's official Scotish residence
and the royal yacht Britannia, and
meets the Master of the Royal
Household of Scotland and the
Royal Efalconer. (R)
9.00 Film: Lusy. (2014) Premiere. A

Royal Falconer. (R)

9.00 Film: Lucy. (2014) Premiere. A courier is kidnapped and forced to become a drug mule. When she is exposed to the experimental chemicals she is smuggling, it boosts her intelligence and reflexes to superfluman levels. She uses her newfound abilities to get revenge on her captors, but as the process continues, she evolves into something more than human. Sci-fi thriller, starring Scarfett Johansson and Morgan Freeman.

10.45 Film: RaphoCan. (2014) A critically

Johansson and Morgan Freeman.

10.45 Film: RoboCop. (2014) A critically injured police officer is rebuilt as a crime-fighting cyborg, but struggles to retain free will. Sci-fi thriller remake, with Joel Kinnaman and Gary Oldman.

12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R) 1.45 Hollyoaks 3.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) 4.50 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

Ninja Turtles. 10, 30 Access. 10.40 Dn. Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R) 11.40 On Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R) 12.35 On Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R) 13.30 Dance Morns. 2.25 Dance Morns. 3.20 Dance Morns. 2.25 Dance Morns. 3.20 Dance Morns. 4.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) 5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) 6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul Bonill and Phil Short must deal with a negligent treamt who fled upon their arrival, while Brian O'Shaughnessy and Kewn Stokes chase a debt of £5.000. (R) 7.05 MOIS: Los Angeles. The team

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chase a debt of 15,000, (n)
7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles. The team
investigates when a diplomatic
service van is hijacked during the
transportation of an unknown
package from the State
Department. Crime drama,
starring Chris O'Donnell.

8.00 NCIS. Ducky is assaulted by a NUIS. Ducky is assaulted by a mysterious assailant who claims to have information about his long-dead half-brother. Meanwhile, Bishop and Jake discuss the future of their relationship.

relationship.

8.55 S New Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship.
George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave
introduce highlights from the
weekend's games, including
Nothingham Forest V Derby County
at the City Ground, Leeds (mitted v
Brighton & Hove Abloon at Elland
Road, and Blackburn Rovers
Appression North End at Ewood Park.

Preston North End at Ewood Park
10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. Action
from the weekend's games in
Leagues One and Two, including
Sheffield United v Charlton
Athletic, and Leyton Orient v
Doncaster Rovers.

10.30 Patoon: The True Story. Oliver Stone reveals the real-life events that inspired his Oscar-winning Vietnam War film and talks about the soldiers he fought alongside in the conflict.

11.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera.
Nick Wallis discovers how CCTV is
helping to bring criminals using
weapons to justice, including

weapons to justice, including footage of a raid by a gang on a west London jewellery shop. (R) 12.00 Super-Casino. 3.10 Inside King's Cross: The Railway, (R) 4.00 Inside Buckingham Palace. (R) 4.51 House Doctor. (R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7. 00 Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen,
Pirates and Rogues 8.00 She-Wolves:
England's Early Queens 9.00 Follow the
Money 11.00 Top of the Pops: 1983
71.00 Neil Sedaka: King of Song 1.00
Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the
Music 1.45 Kings of 70s Romance 2.45
Sings Bacharach and David! 3.45 Close
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12.55 The Voice UK 2.15 Film: Rumour Has It (2005) 3.15 FYI Daily 3.20 Film: Rumour Has It (2005) 3.15 FYI Daily 3.20 Film: Rumour Has It (2005) 4.20 Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) 5.20 FYI Daily 5.25 Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) 5.15 FYI Daily 7.20 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 7.15 FYI Daily 7.20 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 8.00 Scorpion 9.00 Film: The 40 Vear-Old Virgin (2005) 10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 Film: The 40 Vear-Old Virgin (2005) 10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 Film: The 40 Vear-Old Virgin (2005) 11.25 Family Guy 12.55 American Dad! 1.50 Release the Hounds: Famous & Freaked 2.45 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 3.00 Teleshopping ITV3

11.00 FYI Daily 11.05 Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) 12.00 Hans Christian Andersen: My Life as a Fairy Tale 1.50 Agatha Christies' Marple 3.55 Rosemary & Thyme 5.00 Lewis 7.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Rising Damp Forever 12.00 Wyclife 1.05 Marchlands 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 Pawn Stars 11.30 Film: The Great Outdoors (1988) 12.30 FYI Daily 12.35 Film: The Great Outdoors (1986) 1.20 Snooker V Darts 1.30 ITV Racing Live from Uttoxeter and Kempton Park. 4.00 Fierce 5.00 Live FA Vouth Cup Football.

7.30 Pawn Stars 7.55 Filver Monsters

9.00 Film: Terminator 2. Judgment Day (1991) 11.05 FYI Daily 10.10 FIlm: Terminator 2. Judgment Day (1991) 11.45 Film: Lock Up (1989) 12.45 FYI Daily 12.50 Film: Lock Up (1989) 2.00 Gunsmoke 2.55 ITV4 Nightscreen

12.00 Black-ish 1.00 The Goldbergs 2.30 The Big Bang Theory 6.30 Film: The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) 9.00 Film: The Hunger Games (2012) 11.50 Gogglebox 12.50 Bizarre ER 1.55 Rude Tube 3.20 Maryels Agents of SHIELD 4.00 Young & Hungry 4.50 Revenge

1.00 The Addams Family (1991) 3.05 1.00 I ne Addam's Family (1991) 3.05 Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon (1942) 4.25 The Core (2003) 7.10 Paddington (2014) 9.00 Last Vegas (2013) 11.05 Scary Movie 2 (2001) 12.40 In Fear (2013) 2.20 Storage 24 (2012) 4.00 Close

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Brenda Blethyn

New series. The detective investigates when the body of a wildlife ranger is found on a remote island off the coast of Northumberland. Her death is at first assumed to be an accident, since she was alone on the island when she died but marks on the body seem to point to murder. As Vera delves into the dead woman's personal life, she uncovers dark secrets and old resentments. Brenda Blethyn, Kenny Doughty, Jon Morrison, Christopher Colguhoun, Noof McEwan, Riley Jones, Lisa Hammond and Ewan Stewart star.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day.
(R) 9 00 The Andrew Marr Show 10 00 (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Regional Programme. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.08 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Flog Itt (R) 2.15 Countryfile Spring Diaries. (R) 3.00 Escape to the Country, (R) 3.45 Lifeline. 3.55 Songs of Praise. 4.30 Shop Well for Less? (R) 5.30 BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme.

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Regional Programme.

6.00 The Big Patning Challenge.
Mariella Frostrup and Rev Richard
Coles present the final from
Greenwich. At Queen's House, the
artists are challenged to paint a
portrait, but are not told who the
subject is until the sitting begins.
For the last test of the series, the
painters must depict the Old Royal
Naval College as seen from the
Tharnes – and mentors Diana Ali
and Pascal Anson are not on hand
to help this time. Judges Lachlan
Goudie, Daphne Todd and David
Dibosa assess their efforts and Dibosa assess their efforts and reveal who is this series' champion. Last in the series.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Anita Rani present the show from the Hoo Peninsula, reporting on the influence of the local "salt shepherds" and efforts to protect the birds that flock to the area.

Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Burton Constable Hall near Hull, where historic items brought in to be valued include a series of letters written by Florence Nightingale.

SS-GB. Archer and Harry have to get the king out of London, only to realise too late that they have been led into a trap. Barbara faces being deported back to the US. Last in the series.

10 00 RRC News

10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark

Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v Liverpool and Middlesbrough v Manchester United United.

United.

11.40 American High School. The school year draws to a close, but several seniors are at risk of failing. Jalena is given the responsibility of writing a speech for the graduation ceremony. Last in the series.

12.30 The Celebrity Apprentice USA.
1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.00 BBC News.

6.00 A to 2 of TV Gardening. (R) 6.45 An Island Parish. (R) 7.15 Around the World in 80 Gardens (R) 8.15 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.45 Countryfile. (R) 9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.15 Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day. (R) 11.45 Simply Nigella. (R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. 1.00 Flim: Day of the Evil Guin. (1968) Western, starring Glenn Ford. 2.30 The House That £100K Built. (R) 3.30 Ski Sunday Special: Freestyle Ski & Snowboard World Championships.

6.00 Six Nations Rugby Union. John Inverdale introduces highlights from the final round of matches in this year's championship.

Wales.

Robot Wars. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the third heat. Eight teams battle it out to win a single place in the grand final, pitting robots Foxic.

Expulsion, Heavy Metal. MR Speed Squared, Thor, Tauron, Chimera 2 and Concussion against each other in the arena. The show begins with two group battles, followed by a head to head between the two overall winners.

Top Gear. Roy Reid and Sabine

Jop Gear. Rory Reid and Sabine Schmitz go in search of the latest supercars at Germany's Nurburgring circuit, while Matt LeBlanc test drives the Aston Martin DB11, but finds Chris Harris and his Mercedes causing no end of trouble. Tamsin Greig takes to the Top Gear Test Track as this week's Star in a Reasonably Fast Car. 8.00 Top Gear. Rory Reid and Sabine

Down the Mighty River with Steve Backshall. Part two of two. The naturalist braves the dangerous white waters the Baliem River's wer gorge and encounters a tribe at has had little contact with the

outside worrd.

10.00 Film: While We're Young. (2014)
Premiere. A middle-aged man and
his wife have their lives turned
upside down by their friendship with a younger couple. Comedy drama, starring Ben Stiller and Naomi Watts.

11.35 Women's Six Nations Highlights.

Eilidh Barbour presents action from the concluding round of fixtures in this year's competition

12.05 Film: Sergeant Rutledge. (1960) 1.50 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) 2.50 Holby City. (R) 3.50 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.25 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) 6.45 Sooty. Dall: Hers Adventures. (1) 6.45 Sohly.

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(R) 7.00 Oddbods. (R) 7.30

Thunderbird's Are Go. (R) 7.30

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Scrambled: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.50 Scrambled: Ultimate Spider-Man: Web Warriors. 8.20

Scrambled: Horrid Henry. (R) 8.45

Scrambled: Horrid Henry. (R) 8.45

Scrambled: Adventure Time. (R) 9.25

ITV News. 9.30 Countrywise: Guide to Britain. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday.

10.55 Wild Australia with Ray Mears. (R)

1.25 Chopping Block. (R) 12.25 ITV

News. Weather. 12.30 Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) 1.30 Off Their Rockers. (R)

2.00 Tipping Point. (R) 3.00 The Voice

UK. (R) 5.00 Little Big Shots. (R)

6.00 Regional Programmer, Weather.

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6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.10 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule.
The comedian is joined by Mel
Giedroyc, Bridget Christie,
Eamonn Holmes and Judith
Chalmers for the madcap panel show, in which the aim is to save Earth from an alien invasion. (R)

7.00 Five Gold Rings. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which two friends take on a mother and son to identify images on an LED floor while viewers can

play along using the series app.

8.00 Vera. New series. The detective investigates when the body of a investigates when the body or a wildlife ranger is found on a remote island. She seems to have been murdered, but was alone on the island when she died.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 The Nightly Show Best Bits.
Highlights of the second week of

Highlights of the second week of the entertainment show, with Davina McCall presenting a mix of topical monologues, studio games, celebrity guests, stand-up and video clips.

10.50 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R) 11.50 Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights.

Action from the final at The Stoop, as Saracens or Leicester Tigers faced Exeter Chiefs or Harlequins. Saracens lifted the trophy when this tournament last took place in 2014/15.

12.40 Jacknot247, 3.00 The Cube. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R)
7.35 Race of Champions 2017. 8.30
Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30
Sunday Brunch. 12.30 The Simpsons.
(R) 1.00 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 Film:
Rio. (2011) Animated comedy, with the
voice of Jesse Eisenberg. 3.25 Film:
Johnny English Reborn. (2011) 5.30
Channel 4 News.
6.00 Dave's Guide to Spending Money.
Dave Fishuick explores whether

Dave Fishwick explores whether products are worth the price the public is willing to pay for them. He creates his own range of bottled water, drawn from the tap, bottled water, crawn from the tap, and tries to sell it to fashionable restaurants. He also sets up his own renewable power station in his back garden with the goal of generating enough electricity to run Burnley's Christmas lights for free

free.

7.00 Our Guy in India. Guy Martin takes a 1,000-mile journey across India to compete in a race called Rider Mania, the world's largest gathering of Royal Enfield motorbikes. In the first of two programmes, the daredevil rides with a 56-terop higher agon vield. with a 50-strong biker gang, visits Asia's biggest truck yard and finds

Asia's briggest duck yad and miss himself completely out of his comfort zone. (R)

8.00 Rivers with Jeremy Paxman. The presenter travels along the Mersey from the heights of the Peak District to the estuary at Liverpool. District to the estuary at Liverpoo He discovers its role in the development of Britain's modern industry and how it has recovered from years of pollution to become a haven for wildlife. He also goes electrofishing for brown trout, scales the river's tallest bridge and

scales the river's tallest bridge and investigates the mysterious Mersey Mermaids.

9.00 Homeland. While Carrie and Saul present evidence to Keane, Quinn tracks a mark.

10.00 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)

the comfort of their own solas. (H)

11.00 8 ut of 10 Cats Dess Countdown.
Jimmy Carr hosts the popular quiz
as Sean Lock and David Mitchell
compete against Jon Richardson
and Katherine Ryan. The Brett
Domino Trio help out in Dictionary
Corner. (R)

12.00 Film: The Five-Year Engagement. (2012) 2.10 The Last Leg. (R) 3.05 Scruffts: Britain's Favourite Dog. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Peppa Pig. (R) 6.10 Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) 6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Peppa Pig. (R) 6.10 Milkshakel Bop Box. (R) 6.15 Paw Patrol. (R) 6.25 Bob the Builder. (R) 6.40 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.50 Rupert Bear. (R) 7.00 Olly the Little White Van. 7.05 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 7.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 7.30 Little Princess. (R) 7.45 Paw Patrol. (R) 8.00 Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) 8.25 Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) 8.26 Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) 9.25 Peppa Pig. (R) 9.35 Peppa Pig. (R) 9.35 Peppa Pig. (R) 9.35 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.30 Football on 5: The Championship. (R) 1.30 Film: Batteries Not Included. (1987) Sci-filmantay, starring Jessica Tandy 3.05 Film: Zathura: A Space Adventure. (2005) Family sci-fi adventure, starring (2005) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Josh Hutcherson and Jonah Bobo. **5.00** Film: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2. (2013) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Bill Hader.

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6.50 5 News Weekend.

6.55 Film: Left Behind. (2014) The world is plunged into chaos when millions of people suddenly disappear. An airline pilot tries to save the remaining passengers on his flight, while on the ground, his daubtet tries to flour before the same the remaining house the same than adupther tries to find out if her mother and brother are among those who have vanished. Fantasy adventure based on the series of novels by Jerry B Jenkins and Tim LaHaye, starring Nicolas Cage and Lea Thompson. Edited for daytime broadcast.

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9.00 Film: Elysium. (2013) In the future, most of the human race exists in poverty on a ruined Earth, while a wealthy elite live in luxury on an orbiting space station. A man dying of radiation poisoning fights security forces to gain access to the satellite and its medical facilities. Sci-fit thriller from the director of District 9, starring Matt Damon, Jodie Foster and Shartio Copley. Includes 5 News Update at 10pm.

11.10 Film: Dark Skies. (2013) A

News Update at 10pm.

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12.55 Greatest Sci-Fi Movies. (R) 2.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Criminals: Caught On Camera. (R) 4.50 House Doctor. (R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

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7.00 Revolution and Romance: Musical
Masters of the 19th Century 8.00 Classic
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from Home: Chronicle of a Vision – Part
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MONDAY

Homefront, Channel 5, 11pm

A drug enforcement agent quits his job and relocates to a small town hoping to protect his daughter from the violent world he has to deal with. However, he is forced back into his old life when he finds his new home has a criminal underbelly dominated by a narcotics kingpin. Crime thriller, starring Jason Statham, James Franco and Winona Ryder. (2013)

TUESDAY

Locked Away, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A pregnant teenager under pressure from her mother unsure what to do about her baby, and turns to a high-school counsellor for advice. However, her confidante is secretly desperate to have a child of her own and plots to steal the infant as soon as it is born. Thriller, starring Jean Louisa Kelly, (2010)

WEDNESDAY

Deadly Departure, Channel 5, 3.15pm
The family of FBI agent Sarah Plummer are taken hostage while she is on a flight to Washington DC. While on the flight, she meets a mysterious strange seated beside her, and is forced to make a decision 12-year-old son. Action, starring Dina Meyer. (2016)



THURSDAY

Killer Obsession, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A National Guard solder returns from the frontline in Iraq and struggles to return to a normal life. To make matters worse, she finds herself blamed for a friendly then she becomes the target of an obsessed fellow soldier seeking revenge for their deaths. Thriller, starring Roxanne McGee. (2016)

Fury, Channel 5, 9pm

A veteran American sergeant leads a tank crew on one final dangerous mission in the last months of the Second World War. The assignment takes the soldiers behind enemy lines and into battle with overwhelming enemy forces, while the presence of an inexperienced new recruit in the team raises tension. Drama, starring Brad Pitt and Shia LaBeouf. (2014)

Comedy duo take in the sights and sounds of Budapest

celebrities travelling the world and telling us all how great a certain holiday destination is

certain holiday destination is.

What makes Travel Man different is that instead of us watching someone having a ball during a holiday of a lifetime, we instead sometimes get the impression that Richard Ayoade is going through a terrible time – and that makes it much more satisfying for those of us stuck at home.

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Okay, many of the film director and star of The IT Crowd's gripes are probably exaggerated for the cameras, but it is nevertheless good fun watching Richard and his pals from the world of comedy effectively scouring the globe in search of the next tourist disappointment.

Tonight, Richard is joined by Irish omedian, actor and writer Aisling

Aisling won The Gilded Balloon's So You Think You're Funny award at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2012 and is a regular guest on panel shows, including 8 Out of 10

Cats, Never Mind the Buzzcocks, Would I Lie to You? and QI, so she will certainly give Richard a run for his money in the comedy one-liner

Their destination is Budapest, a city with miles of old-world charm.

The Hungarian capital is paradise for explorers, so you'd think Richard and Aisling would find something there to tickle their fancy during their whistlestop tour

The cynical pair spend two days in the city with the aim of taking in as many of its sights as possible, as well as passing on a few moneysaving tips to viewers at home.

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Culinary highlights in the fairytale city on the Danube include a steaming hot bowl of goulash – a traditional Hungarian soup or stew of meat and vegetables, seasoned with paprika and other spices.

They also visit a 'ruin pub' for a which is regarded as one of the national drinks of Hungary and usually drunk as a digestif and apéritif.

Budapest sits on a patchwork of almost 125 thermal springs – more than any other capital city in the world – and 'taking the waters' has been a part of life here since people walked in togas during Roman times and the Turkish occupation.

The duo take the opportunity to visit one of these baths where they play a game of chess. Next it's onto the Zugliget charifit, an alternative means of transport high in the Buda Hills.

The duo take a ride on the cablesuspended conveyance which takes riders up the side of János Hill and provides them with an amazing view of Budapest.

And finally they visit a statue of Columbo star Peter Falk in Falk Miksa Street.

Richard and Aisling read how there is still somewhat of a mystery surrounding this life-sized bronze reproduction of the actor, with theories suggesting it was commissioned in 2014 due to a tenuous familial connection, three years after Falk's passing.



PICK OF THE WEEK

Travel Man: 48 Hours in Budapest, Monday, Channel 4, 8.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

Puerto Rico - Island of Enchantment: Natural World

The small Caribbean Puerto Rico of Puerto Rico is nicknamed the Island of Enchantment because of its beautiful beaches, amazing ambiance and landmarks. Despite being only 3,515 square miles in area, it is also home to a vast array of exotic wildlife. However, many of these species are also vulnerable and countless have been pushed to the brink of extinction by human encroachment, while 95 per cent of its rainforests have been destroyed This film, narrated by David Attenborough, profiles three conservation champions who are making it their mission to save some of the island's the most precious species, namely manatees, of which only 700 remain in the wild; parrots, of which there were only 13 left at one point; and the five native species

TUESDAY Back to the Land with Kate Humble

BBC2, 8pm The presenter follows innovative businesses in the Lake District through Spring, Summer and Autumn painting portrait of the rugged landscape and gaining an insight the challenges they face. Kate Humble

helps with lambing at a fifth generation farm who have invented the world's only wool compost, so they can keep their farming traditions alive. She also goes foraging for wild food, which went to waste until one woman realised she could turn it into unique iams and preserves that are now sold nationwide

WEDNESDAY Live International Football ITV. 7.15pm

Germany v England. Mark Pougatch presents action from the friendly international at Signal Iduna Park in Dortmund, where England were looking to repeat last year's outstanding victory against the hosts. While the result of this match remains of some importance, the main use of the exercise for Gareth Southgate is to prepare his squad for Sunday's World Cup qualifier against Lithuania.

Great British Buildings: Restoration of the Year Channel 4, 8pm

As the host of Grand Designs Kevin McCloud knows a thing or two about the work involved in restoring a historic building. So

he's the perfect person to co-present this new series which showcases some of the treasured buildings that have been brought back from the brink thanks to the dedication and craft skills of those involved. All of the projects have been placed on the long list by the Royal Institution of Chartered

Surveyors (Rics) for their Restoration of the Year award, and in this opening edition, Kevin and Dr Anna Keay check out some of the contenders.

FRIDAY Red Nose Day 2017

BBC1, 7pm It's that time again when comedians and celebrities come together to have a laugh in a very good cause

Lenny Henry, Jonathan Ross, Sally Phillips, Rob Beckett, Romesh Ranganathan, Warwick Davis and Miranda Hart are among the presenters who'll be taking to East

London's O2 stages for a night of fundraising fu and games. However, arguably the most eagerly anticipated part of the proceedings is Red Nose Day Actually, which sees writer and director Richard Curtis catching up with the characters from Love Actually to find out what they are up to 14 years on. Presumably Hugh Grant's Prime Minister isn't still in Number 10, but did he find lasting love with Martine McCutcheon's tea lady? Here's our chance to find out as Keira Knightley, Colin Firth, Liam Neeson, Bill Nighy, Andrew Lincoln, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Rowan Atkinson also return for the sequel.

Unreported World Channel 4, 7,30pm

Marcel Theroux explores the resurgent Russian
Orthodox Church, which is at the forefront of a new movement combining religion and nationalism in its home nation. Until the fall of the Soviet Union, the Church had been persecuted by the communists. but has now forged close ties with President
Vladimir Putin. Theroux meets Alexander Dugin, referred to as 'Putin's brain', whose ideas have cropped up in the president's speeches, and Fr loann Osyak, patriarch of a family whose members are becoming national celebrities and symbols of today's Russia - religious, conservative and deeply



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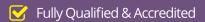


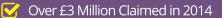




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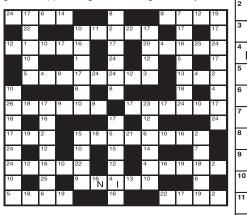
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7. What is a kora?

'badger-dog'?

Quiz



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Who succeeded John Gregory as manager of Aston Villa?

Which country was Britain's main ally in the Seven Years' War?

Which former England captain has managed

4. To which family of fish does the minnow

Spurs, QPR and Bristol Rovers?

2 Who wrote Whisky Galore?

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

- 1. The flower grew (4) 3. Getting a taste of palm mixture to sing about (8)
- 9. 100 join mad talk (7)
- 10. Brown as pie (5)
- 11. Where the little learning can be found (6,6)
- 13. Draw out note that is legal (6)
- 15. Threaten one politician with death
- 17. Wish joy to uncle at rag (12)
- 20. Some are afraid a horse could get into their state (5)
- 21. Cultivation up to being old (7)
- 22. Giving rein to fancies of mad reign (8)
- 23. The direction in which things are wrecked (4)

6. Which US city is named after a chairman of

the United States Steel Corporation?

8. Which dog is named after the German for

10. What nationality was playwright and

novelist August Strindberg?

9. What is the capital of Italy's Tuscany region?

- 1. He gets the message, no doubt (8)
- 2. Employees one should be about to lean on (5)
- 4. Stop the others after half a year (6)
- 5. Somehow shut my pools, about 2nd June - after I've gone (12)
- 6. Get better, as I am to show without doubt (7)
- 7. Happy boy has good head on him
- 8. Place found for a candidate? (8,4)
- 12. Supporter heard ten out (8)
- 14 Put in quarantine one who is overdue by such a margin
- 16. The box is not put upside down on the vehicle (6) 18. Lower a foundation

Last week's solutions:

Niner: REACTIONS

- (5) **19.** Rear deer (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Throw (4)
- 3. Stately (8)
- 9. Funeral-goer (7)
- 10. Part of a flower (5)
- 11. Prodigality (12) 13. Separate (6)
- 15. Incentive (6)
- 17. Conference (12)
- 20. Aspect (5) 21. Brave (7)
- 22. Being (8)
- 23. Carry (4)

Quiz: 1 Soprano; 2 Sarah Hogg; 3 1965; 4 DW

7 Jean-Paul Sartre; 8 London and Venice;

Griffith: 5 Prince Andrew: 6 Dutch:

9 Tim Rice; 10 The Longships.

- 1. Praises (8)
- 4. Aviator (6)

- 8. White-hot (12)
- 14. Infringe (7)

- 2. Gush (5)
- 6. Representative (7)
- 7. Young horse (4)

- 16. Brainy (6)
- **19.** Heroic (4)

- 5. Rapturously (12)

- 12. Miss (8)
- 18. Angry (5)

Niner Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that

boxes contains

all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Recount; 7 Apron; 9 Music;
10 Keyhole; 12 Shoplifting; 14 Meaning look;
18 Mumbled; 19 Stick; 21 Heads; 22 Or talis.
Down: 1 Debut; 2 Polish; 3 Ant; 4 Upshot;
5 Gosling; 8 Denials; 11 Spanner; 13 Deputed;
15 Nobody; 16 Outlay; 17 Scale; 20 Fy.
OUICK - Across: 6 Revenue; 7 Speed; 9 Train;
10 Quieten; 12 Demonstrate; 14 Obstruction;
18 Release; 19 Strew; 21 Acrid; 22 Deserve.
Down: 1 Merry; 2 Recite; 3 Put; 4 Appear;
5 Beneath; 8 Pulsate; 11 Roguish; 13 Absence;
15 Thesis; 16 Outset; 17 Leave; 20 Hew.

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Soul sister - enjoy a night in

the city before Emeli's gia

Make a night of

Emeli Sandé will be singing her heart out at The O2 Academy in Birmingham on Sunday. Here at The Ticket, we Wonder where the Scottish songstress would go to eat, drink and be merry on a night out before a gig. Read All About It. . .



The Mailbox is the place to go for a meal before you don your dancing shoes. There's oodles of places to choose from, so if you fancy a quick bite to eat there are burgers, pizzas or even tapas on the menu. There are also pubs and bars if you just want to grab a beer or vino before you see the gig. If you prefer something more decadent then Marco Pierre White's restaurant at The Cube is top of the list. Fine dining with glorious views over the city will make this a real night to remember. We reckon Emeli would love a slap-up dinner there.



Pre-gig drinks are a must on a night out so why not head to a place full of heart and soul? The Island Bar is a stone's throw from the O2 on Suffolk Street, Queensway, and is a tropical paradise offering loads of cocktails including a Mint Choc Martini laced with vodka and chocolate mint liqueur. If you're stopping in the city overnight after the gig, Quarter Horse coffee shop on Bristol Street serves a scrumptious breakfast. Think sour dough toast or cakes and pastries ashed down with incredible coffee. Sounds like Heaven.



POSH PAD

Lie Next To Me at the four-star Malmaison hotel in the Mailbox. Here you can enjoy food, drink and sleep in uber stylish surrounds: think modern and moody, sultry and slick. There's a brasserie and a bar so you can have dinner and drinks before you head to the show. There's a vibrant atmosphere so it'll certainly get you in the mood. Why not make a weekend of it as there's also a spa if you want to kick back, relax and indulge? There are rooms and suites available. We love the look of the super quirky Nirvana suite (pictured above) which screams colourful and punky. It even has a mirrored Jacuzzi, perfect for bubbles in bubbles! Prices vary but can be as little as £75 depending on the date.

DISCOUNT DOZE

If you need to watch your bank balance and require a cheap sleep, head to The Comfort Inn, Station Street. It's only a 10-minute walk from the venue so a quick and easy stopover after a big night. The rooms are basic but comfy enough for you to rest your weary head and tired tootsies The best bit is that it won't cost much leaving you some spare change to download loads of Emeli's music.

It's easy peasy as it's on the main drag into the city making it accessible by train, car or bus. Catch the train and head to Birmingham New Street and the O2's only a 10-minute walk from the station. By bus it's a case of hopping off at the nearest stop to the venue. Or by car there are loads of places park up. If you don't want to spend a fortune on fees then you could park further out of the city centre and walk/bus/train in to the city



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Impressive four-bed family home based on corner plot site

situated on a corner plot in Canterbury Way, Heath Hayes, Cannock, lies in a very popular location.

It is for sale through Marwood Homes at £275,000.

Its accommodation, briefly, comprises of a stunning refitted breakfast kitchen, which is the heart of the home, a lounge and a separate dining room with an impressive large conservatory to the rear.

Upstairs there are four bedrooms with the master having an en-suite shower room as well as a refitted main shower room. Outside the property has an enclosed rear garden and a generously sized block paved driveway providing ample parking for several

In more detail the entrance hall has stairs off and an under-stairs cupboard. The guest WC has tiled flooring and tiled splash-backs

The lounge is a welcoming room with the focal point being a marble hearth and a fireplace with an inset gas fire. It also has a large bay window to the front, wood-effect flooring and a door leading to the dining room. This has French patio doors to the conservatory and laminate flooring.

The breakfast kitchen has been seamlessly extended and refitted. It comprises of modern base and wall units with ample work surfaces, an integrated "Smeg" dishwasher, electric double oven and a five-burner gas hob. The extension has enabled additional open space for a breakfast table. There are further fitted units and work surfaces with plumbing and space for a washing machine. There is a door to the rear and a door to the garage.

Having the "wow" factor, the conservatory is impressively sized, having an electric panel wall eater and wood effect flooring.

Upstairs the master bedroom has a bay window, wardrobes to one wall and an en-suite shower room.

Bedroom two is another double bedroom and it has a double wardrobe. Bedroom three has a storage cupboard and there is a further fourth bedroom and main shower room. The rear garden is enclosed with gated side access to the front, lawn and patio area.

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- Detached Bungalow Cul De Sac Location
- GarageNo Upward ChainEPC TBC



£260,000

- Four Good Size Bedrooms Open Fields To The Front

- Downstairs WC Very Popular Location
 Carport & Garage



Detached Bungalow

3 Double Bedrooms Large Living / Dining Room Master Bedroom & En-suite





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- Modern Townhouse
- Lounge & Downstairs WC Stylish Kitchen Diner
- - Close To Cannock Town
 Two Car Driveway
 Immaculate Condition

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£165,000

- Detached Three Bedroom Lounge/Diner & Guest WC Large Rear Garden Modern Fitted Kitchen

- No Chain Involved



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 All 3 Bedrooms

All 3 Bedrooms Construction in Progress Both 2 & 3 Storey

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 Close To Town

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 Three Reception Rooms None
 Shower Room & Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms Two Double Bedrooms Breakfast Kitchen Spacious Living Room



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 Gas Combi Central Heating
 Fully Upvc Double Glazed
 Recently Rewired





Corner PlotGas Central HeatingOff Road Parking

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- Blackfords Court, Cannock
 Second floor apartment
 Spacious lounge
 Open plan kitchen/lounge
 Two bedrooms
 Off road parking
 Available mid March 17.
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- First floor apartment
 Open plan kitchen / Lounge

- Open plan kitchen / Lounge
 One double bedroom
 Bathroom with shower over bath
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 Semi detached home
 Lounge with feature fireplace
 Kitchen with dining area
 Two bedrooms
 Electric heating
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- Ground floor apartment
 Open plan lounge/kitchen

- Two bedrooms
 Modern Style bathroom
 Double glazing & gas central heating
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Park Home
 Two Bedrooms
 Modern Kitchen

Lounge/Diner

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- Bromley Close, Hednesford
 Modern family home
 Spacious lounge
 Kitchen with cooker & hob
 Three bedrooms
 Gas central heating
 Downstairs we
 £575pcm Sorry no dss

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- Wolverhampton Road, Cann

 Extended Semi Detached Hom

 Large Kitchen & Dining Area

 Lounge & Sun Room

 Three Good Size Bedrooms

 Garage

 Enclosed Rear Garden

- - £165,000



£145,000

- Carlisle Road, Cani
 Three Bedroom Semi
 Living Room & Guest WC
 Kitchen & Dining Area
 Front & Rear Garden
 Off Road Parking
 No Upward Chain Semi Detached
 Two Bedrooms
 Lounge
 Dining Kitchen
 Gas Central Heating
 No Upward Chain
 - - - £129,950



Olde Hall Lane, Great Wyrley - Offers Over £325,000

- Detached Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Refurbished Kitchen & Utility Huge Conservatory
- Detached Double Garage
- Guest WC
- No Chain



Canterbury Way, Heath Hayes - £275,000

- Four Bed Detached
- Master Bedroom With Ensuite
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen Impressive Conservatory
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Corner Plot
- Downstairs WC



Keys Park Road, Wimblebury - £235,000

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive



£155,000

- Modern Three Bedroom Semi Feature
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner

 No Upward Chain Feature
- South Facing Rear Garder



Driveway



- Town House
- Four Bedrooms Two Ensuites Family Bathroom
- Popular LocationPopular Development

Refitted Rathroom





- Traditional Terrace Home Two Double Bedrooms Two Reception Rooms Fitted Kitchen & Downstairs WC
- Upstairs Family Bathroom
 No Upward Chain
 Close To Cannock Town Centre



- Spacious Semi Detached House NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Three Bedrooms. Gas Central Heating System





- Lounge, Dining Room NO UPWARD CHAIN
 Kitchen, Utility, Shower Room
 Gas Central Heating System



- Semi DetachedThree BedroomLounge/DinerConservatory







 Conservatory
 Ideal First Time Buy
 Enclosed Rear Garden £120,000



- Two Double Bedrooms
 Charming Traditional Mid Terrace
- Charming Traditional Mid
 Two Reception Rooms
 Off Road Parking at Rear



- uPVC Double Glazing
 No Chain Involved



Ground Floor Apartment
Two Bedrooms
Store Room
Ideal Buy To Let



● Tenant in, Paying £500





Close To Hednesford Town Centre
 Must Be Viewed



- Evergreen Heights, Hednesford

 Modern semi detached house
 Spacious lounge
 Fitted kitchen
 Three bedrooms
 Driveway & garage
 Available March 2017
 £660pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



- Tudor Road, Hednesford
 Semi detached bungalow
 Brand new fitted kitchen
 Spacious lounge
 Two bedrooms
 Shower room
 Available Now
 £650pcm Sorry no dss and no pets



- Hawbush Road, Walsall

 Three storey semi detached house
 Kitchen with cooker & hob
 Living room & Study
 Three bedrooms
 Gas central heating
 Off road parking
 £730pcm Sorry no dss & no pets



- Modern semi detached home
 Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
- Spacious lounge
 Three bedrooms
 Family bathroom
 Available March 2017
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Ground Floor Apartment One Double Bedroom

One Double Bedroom Open Plan Lounge / Kitchen Gas Central Heating

Terraced House Two Bedrooms Stylish Modern Kitchen

Spacious Lounge

- Lichfield Road, Brownhills

 Modern semi-detached property
 Spacious lounge
 Contemporary Kitchen
 Three bedrooms
 Driveway & Garage
 Available March 17
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- Swallow Close, Huntington

 Modern detached property
 Spacious living room
 Kitchen/breakfast room
 Four bedrooms
 Two bathrooms
 Open viewing Sat 5th Nov 12pm-1pm
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£94,995

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A one-bedroomed first floor

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Gas Central Heating Double Glazing Parking EPC Rating C

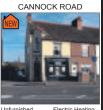
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Gas Central Heating Double Glazing

CANNOCK

Heating Double Glazing Parking EPC Rating C



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• Detached Family Home • Impressive Lounge Diner Stylish Refitted Breakfast Kitchen & Refitted Fami
 Three Well Proportioned Bedrooms • Conveniently Placed to

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Cannock Town Centre • EPC = E

• Stylish Kitchen & Bathroom • Cul De Sac Location • EPC = E **The Brambles Norton Canes**

• Extended Semi Detached House • Two Bedrooms • Planning For Bedroom Three



- Semi Detached House Two Bedrooms





- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House Two Reception Rooms Extended Kitchen



• Detached Family Home • Lounge & Open Plan Kitchen

Conservatory & Downstairs WC
 Four Well Proportioned Bedrooms Sought After Location

• EPC = E

Norton Lane Great Wyrley

Auction T&C's Apply • Traditional Extended Semi Detached House In A Prim • Lounge & Extended Rear Dining Room

• Three Well Proportioned Bedrooms • Modernisation Needed

• EPC = TBC

Clover Meadows Heath Hayes

- Four Bedroom Detached House Two Reception Rooms &
- Conservatory Contemporary Refitted Shower Room Pleasant Cul De Sac Location Viewing Essential EPC = D

Colliers Way Huntington

• Superbly Presented Semi Detached House • Lounge & Dining

Room • Downstairs Guest WC & Ensuite Shower Room

• Three Bedrooms & Viewing Essential • Detached Garage & Cul

De Sac Location • EPC = D



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- Carport & Corner Plot Position En suite Shower Room • EPC = C

Cannock Road Hednesford



- Two Bedroom Terraced House Living Room
 - Fitted Kitchen Diner
- Gardens, Parking No Upward Chain EPC = C

Dundalk Lane Cheslyn Hay



- Semi Detached Dorma Bungalow Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
 Fitted Kitchen Gardens, Parking and Garage EPC = D

Station Road Hednesford



- Traditional Semi Detached House Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms & No Chain Modernised Throughout
- Stylish Refitted Kitchen
 - FPC = D

Mulberry Road Cannock



- Two Bedroom Semi Detached House Lounge Diner & Kitchen
 - Upstairs Bathroom
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Gardens and school

grounds to rear

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Open plan kitchen dining/family room
- Four bedrooms Gas fired central
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- Built on garage and extensive off road ◆ EPC rating B (82)

£228.950 FREEHOLD

7 LOVATT PLACE, CANNOCK



◆ EPC rating C (72) £146,950

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CONVERSION OFFERING EXCELLENT
FLEXIBLE 4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION
Located In Rural Polisition in Greenbelt
Farmland Within Easy Reach of Facilites at
Cannock Centre ◆ Lounge and dining ◆ Intruder alarm and

- CCTV Fitted breakfast
 - Off road parking
- kitchen

room

- Four bedrooms
- ◆ LPG gas fired centra Luxury bathroom and ancuita

29 KENT PLACE, HEATH HAYES

SEMI DETACHED ONE BEDROOMED BUNGALOW

£119,950 FREEHOLD (64) 2 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

- ◆ Fully double glazed Utility room and
 - ◆ EPC rating D (62)

£439.950 FREEHOLD

10 FIELD ROAD, TIPTON



THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

18 VIEWFIELD AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

- ► Bathroom

 ► Garage and gardens

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- ♠ Gas fired central heating

NO CHAIN

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DETACHED
FAMILY HOUSEL ocated in Very
Convenient Popular Position Close
To Facilities and Railway Station at
Hednesford Town Centre ◆ Lounge and dining

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Double glazed
- conservatory Refitted breakfast
- kitchen and utility room
- heating ♦ Ensuite shower room

Integral garage and

well stocked gardens

◆ Fully double glazed

Gas fired central

- - - £159,950 FREEHOLD

- - - Allocated parking

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- **♦**Lounge
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A SUPERB FOUR BEDROOM LISTED DETACHED PROPERTY
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Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- ◆ Guests cloakroom
- Ground floor bedroom with ensuite shower
- Cellar
- ◆ Three first floor bedrooms
- ◆ Dining/garden room ◆ Dining kitchen room & family bathroom ◆ Extensive off road
 - parking, paddock &

◆ En-suite shower

No pets, smokers, DSS or sharers

NO.4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- Gas fired central heating Fully double glazed

 - ◆ EPC rating: C (79) **£725pcm**

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD



- ◆ Fully double glaze
- - Sorry no pets, smokers or DS

3 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DE HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

r Residential Area

Off road parking Located in

Lounge

Breakfast kitchen

Two double bedrooms

Bathroom

Gas central heating

Fully double glazed

- Sorry no smokers, pets, DSS

- ◆ EPC rating: tbc £550pcm

3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY



WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED HOUSE Facilities

Fully double glazed

- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (61) **£625pcm**

- Kitchen

- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating: D (63)

◆ Flectric heating

ONE REDROOM GROUND ELOOR ELAT

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◆ Srug, orangery/ dinign room & study/ bedroom five bedroom five workers DSS or sharers

◆ EPC rating C (78)

- Excellent Conte

 Canopy porch,
 reception hall &
 cloakroom with WC

 Loungefamily room

 Luxury fitted
 breakfast kitchen

 Snug, orangery/
 dining room & study/
 bedroom five

 Utility room

 Four double
 bedrooms

No DSS, pets or smokers



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 Hall
 Lounge
 Kitchen
 Bedroom
 Bathmonm

- ◆ Bathroom

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17 PILLATON DRIVE, HUNTINGTON



DETACHED THREE BEDROOM HOUSE Located in Popular Cul-de-sac

- Lounge/dining room
 - · Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
 ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE



SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION uated on the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Par

£615pcm

- Fitted dining kitchen · Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed

 Sorry No pets, smokers or DS ◆ EPC rating C (69)

Gas central heating & fully double glazed ◆ EPC rating C (79) **£495pcm**

unge tchen • Two bedrooms



◆ Bedroom

- Sorry no pets, smokers or DS ◆ EPC rating: B (84) **£600pcm**

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

5 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK



Separate WC

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

£525pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

◆ Fully double glazed

◆ Gas central heating

◆ EPC rating C (71)

◆ Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS

esque Rural Estate
Park

◆ Fully double glazed · Commual grounds and parking ◆ Inner hall
 ◆ Two double bedrooms
 ◆ Family bathroom
 ◆ Oil fired central heating Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

◆ EPC rating C (77) £685pcm

WELL MAINTAINED THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED SEI
DETACHED HOUSE

Located In Popular Residential Area

Enclosed porth & reception hall

Fully double glazed & gas
central heating

Patritited kitchen

Refittled kitchen

Welth Wig / & guest cloakroom

with Wig / & guest cloakroom

bathroom

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Refore Traing D (55)

£650pcm

THE LODGE, LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, RUGELEY

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- Bathroom
 Sauna
 Electric heating
 Double glazed
- ♦ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS ◆ EPC rating: N/A £500pcm



- - - ◆ EPC rating: D (60) £600pcm



- En-suite shower room
 - £675 pcm

282 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK 75C HIGH STREET, CHESLYN HAY



Bathroom

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT ◆ Gas central heating

◆ EPC rating: E (48)

◆ Lounge ◆ Kitchen ◆ Double glazing Sorry no pets or smokers

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Semi detached house

♦ Gas fired central heating

All windows double glazed

◆ EPC rating E (52)
GUIDE PRICE £120,000

Three bedrooms

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- ◆ Area 380m² or thereabouts
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- POSSESSION
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 Convenient for facilities locally and at 2 Four Control

LOT 3

39 ABBEY STREET, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4BB FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Detached bungalow in popular
- Detached bungaiow ii populariesidential area
 Standing on relatively deep plot
 In need to some improvement
 Predominantly double glazed
 Gas fired central heating
 EPC rating F (35)
 GUIDE PRICE £100,000+

LOT 4

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 GUIDE PRICE £175,000+
- POSSESSION
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 Kitchen
 Three bedrooms
 Bathroom
 Part double
 EPC LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION Semi detached house in need or
 - Bathroom
 Part double glazed
 EPC rating F (21)
 GUIDE PRICE £70,000 £80,000

LOT 7

BUILDING LAND REAR OF 167 HIGH STREET, CHASETOWN, WS7 3XL

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

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his stunning detached bungalow is situated in one of Cannack's sought after roads only a short walk from Health Hayes high street. The bungalow offers deceptively spaces accommodation that in brief consists of an endosed porch, entrance hall, jounge, kitchen, dining orom, utility, who conservatory 5, there notly the property boasts handscaped front and

r gardens a large driveway and a large







- •Re-Designed Layout
- Stunning Kitchen/Diner
- •Three Bedrooms

£200,000

Wilton Close

- Modern End Terraced Two Bedrooms

 Modern Fitted Kitcher
 - Two Parking Spaces
- £140,000

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- Lounge & Kitchen





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Driveway & Gard

Bradford Street

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Semi Detached House
 Three Bedrooms

Garage & Driveway

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•Modern Family Home

Driveway & Garage

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 Sought After Location
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 Garage & Driveway



This spacious and versatile SIX bedroom, de-tacked family home is not to be missed! Situ total clase to Cannock Chase and Hednesford Hills this property offers open plan kitchen, duning room and family room, longe, utility, guest cloakroom, six bedrooms, ensuite, family bathroom and a separate shower room. Viewing is highly recommended.





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- Shower room

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HEDNESFORD



HEDNESFORD

£74,500

HEATH HAYES



£209,995



- A much improved three bedroom property
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 Conservatory, guest cloakroom
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 Refitted family bathroom
 Enclosed rear garden
 Driveway and garage



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Extended and deceptively spacious well-presented home close to shops, schools and railway station

This well-presented family home in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock, is heavily extended and deceptively spacious

It is for sale through Webbs at £315,000.

In a desirable location being close to all local amenities, shops and schools, it is ideally located within walking distance of Cannock

CANNOCK £315,000

town centre and railway station. The property comprises an entrance porch, through hallway lounge diner, breakfast kitchen. ervatory, utility room, guest WC, five bedrooms (four double) a family bathroom and integral garage. Outside, there is a private driveway providing ample off-road parking and generous gardens.

Internal inspection is essential. said a spokesman for the selling

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Two-bedroomed semi-detached in a pleasant cul de sac location is for sale at £120,000 with no chain

This well-presented twobedroomed semi-detached house in Rogers Close, Ashmore Park, comes with front and rear gardens and lies in a pleasant cul de sac location.

With double glazing and gas central heating, it is for sale through Redstones at £120,000 with no chain. The property's accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, a reception hall, a through lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, a family bathroom, a side entry and front and rear gardens.

In more detail the entrance porch has a glazed front door and

WOLVERHAMPTON £120,000

windows, power and light and leads into the reception hall. This has stairs off to the first floor and doors leading to the lounge and kitchen.

The lounge has a window to the front, patio doors leading out to the conservatory and a feature fireplace with a gas fire. With power and light. the conservatory has a door leading out to the rear garden.

With matching wall, base and drawer units, the fitted kitchen has tiled surrounds, a stainless steel sink and drawer with roll top work surfaces, plumbing and appliance space, a four-ring gas hob and electric oven, extractor hood, display cabinets, an under-stairs cupboard and a door to the side covered entry leading to a storage outbuilding.

On the first floor of this property. bedroom one has a window to the front. Bedroom two overlooks the rear and has a storage cupboard

The family bathroom is positioned to to the rear. It has a panelled bath with an electric 'Triton' shower over pedestal wash hand basin, tiled surrounds and a low level WC

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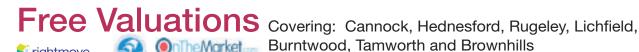




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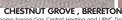


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PARK VIEW TERRACE

£117,500





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ARMITAGE ROAD BRERETON

ositioned with a canalside location is this refurbished d-terraced cottage. Refurbished by the current owners oart of a redevelopment scheme. Entrance Hall, Galley lichen, Lounge, First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms dd Bathroom. Second Floor Ianding leading to an Attic own/Third Bedroom. Garden to rear. SINGLE GARAGE and communal parking. EPC Rating - TBC

£159,995



LEET CLOSE HANDSACRE

A two bedroomed mid terraced properly in a popular village location ideal for first firme buyer or investment. Electric Storage Heaters and UPVC Double Glazing, prough Hallway, Kifchen and Lounge. First floor landing Two Bedrooms and Bathroom, Shared Driveway with Parking and Rear Garden. EPC Rating - C



PENN CROFT LITTLE HAYWOOD

A good sized detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in a popular and sought after village location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Guest W.C., Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to Front and Rear. Garage/ Workshop and Driveway. EPC Rating - D

£250,000



pacious properly benefiting from Gas Central Heaing and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, (Kirchen with some appliances, Utility room and Guest Clooks. Three drooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. NO DSS. NO SMOKEN, NO PETS. EPC RATING E DEPOSIT 2760.



UPPER BROOK STREET RUGELEY

Spacious well prestented, first floor flat. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with appliances. Two Double Bedrooms with built in wardrobes. Barthroom. GCH and Double Glazing. VIEVIMS RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC



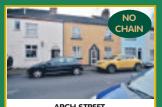


CHASE SIDE DRIVE RUGELEY



extended three bedroomed large detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double lazing. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and sportale W.C. Garage and Parking, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - D

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ARCH STREET RUGELEY

A good sized well presented three bedroomed mid terraced properly within walking distance to Town Centre and local amenities and is being offered with NO UPWARE CHAIN. Gas Central Heding and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Shared Courtyard Garden. EPC Rating - E



ous detached property in popular location. dation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining tree Redrooms and Shower room. Gas Central en. Three Bedrooms and Shower room, Ga's Central titing and Double Glazing, Garage, Gardens to Front and rear. NO DSS, NO SMOKERS, NO PETS, EPC Rating D. DEPOSIT £913

£675 pcm



CHAPEL MEWS BLACKFORDS, CANNOCK

sented PART FURNISHED first floor flat o

£435 pcm



BEECHMERE RISE

us accommodation offers Gos Central Heating touble Glazing. Entrance Hall, Three Bedrooms, and Separate W.C., Landing, Lounge with Snug., N., Kitchen and Storage/Utility. Integral Garage ad Parking. Garden to Rear with Open Views. scommended to appreciate the size and layout of the property. EPC RATING - D





sented first floor flat comprising of Entrance plan Lounge/Kitchen, One spacious doub nd Shower Room. Electric Heating and Dou number of energy saving improvements he to the property. Off Road Parking. Commu at rearNO_SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS. DEPOSIT £623



YORK CLOSE RUGELEY

A Modern Ground Floor Apartment situated on popular housing development. Accommodation comprises intrance Port, Open plan Lounge/Kitchen, One Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Double glazing and storage heating. Allocated Parking, NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C. DEPOSIT £580



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- Lounge, Kitcher
 Bathroom
 Elec Heating
 - £425 pcm





- Double Glazing
 Off Road Parking
 Energy Rating D
 NO DSS OR PETS Lounge, Kitchen
 Bathroom
 Electric Heating
 - £425 pcm



£495 pcm



- ●Spacious ●GCH & DG

£500 pcm



- 2 Bed Mid Towr Lounge/Kitchen

£595 pcm

GCH/DG
Allocated Parkin
Energy rating B
NO DSS/PETS.



 GCH, DG
 Driveway, Garage
 EPC Pending
 NO DSS OR PETS £650 pcm



●Lounge/Din ●Breakfast V Breakfast Kitchen
 Guest WC

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●GCH/DG ●Energy rating C ●No DSS/Pets

£750 pcm

●Two Bed Flat ●Lounge/Kitchen ●Bathroom, DG ●Electric Heating Allocated Parking £575 pcm

£575 pcm WARREN CLOSE, RAWNSLEY A Spacious Semi Detached House situated on a Corner Plot

Town Centre Fully Refurbished 2 Bed End Terraced Lounge, Kitchen

•Entrance Hall, Guest WC

Conservatory Allocated Parking Energy Rating D NO DSS OR PETS

- Spacious Lounae. Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedrooms,
 Bathroom
 Front & Rear Gardens
 In Need of
- Modernisation NO CHAIN

£85,000



● Two Bed Mid

■ Lounge, Dining Room

■ Kitchen & Utility

■ Cruekt WC & Shower

■ NO DSS OR PETS

£595 pcm

STEPHENSON WAY, HEDNESFORD



A Well Presented Mid Bathroom
Terroce House
Oliver & Dining Room
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- A Well Presented End Terraced House
- ■Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, UtilityTwo Double Bedrooms



 Spacious Bathroom
 Rear Garden Backing onto Hednesford Hills

 Ample Parking at Rear POA



Courtyard
ous Kitchen Off Road Parking
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HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

Kitchen
Two Bedrooms
En-Suite & Bathroom
Communal Gardens
Allocated Parking



 A Spacious Semi
Detached House
Entrance Hallway
Framily Lounge-Diner
Kitchen
Gardens
Gardens
Garage £125,000



· A Superbly Presented End Town House Entrance Porch

Lounge
 Impressive Breakfast Kitchen



Conservatory ●Two Bedrooms Modern Bathroom

•Gardens & Driveway £130,000



A Spacious Semi Det
House
Centrance Hall &
Guest WC
Modern Kitchen
E135,000 No Chain

 A Spacious Semi Det
Conservatory
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•Well Presented and Spacious Semi Det

●Lounge & Dining Room



Conservatory Kitchen

Ground Floor Guest WC & Shower Room
Three Bedrooms & Family Bathroom

OIEO £130,000



MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD Dining Room
Four Double Bedrooms
Bathroom
Large Gardens /
Ample ORP CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES

Well Presented
Detached Family Home
Permity Lounge
Breakfast Klichen
Three Bedrooms
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 Family Bathroom
Wall Stocked Rear
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Views
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- Superb location
 Immaculate interiors
 Conservatory
- Great Wyrley Office £325,000

Covered entertainment area
 EPC rating C

HILL RIDWARE, OAKLANDS CLOSE

- Unique detached family residence 4
- · Conservatory overlooking the rear
- Garage, ample off road parking delightful views to the rear · EPC Rating D
- BURNTWOOD OFFICE £215,000



LICHFIELD, CHAPEL LANE

- Delightful period mid terrace
- Ideal first time buve
- Through lounge/dining room
- Modern interiors Rear courtyard garden

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GREAT WYRLEY, ST. MARKS CLOSE

Master with En-Suite

Garage
 EPC Rating To Follow

GREAT WYRLEY, HILTON LANE

- Spacious detached property
 Extended family accommod
 Lounge, kitchen, guest WC

Superb Detached PropertyPopular Village LocationBreakfast Kitchen, Utility

Conservatory

Family room, conservatory

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Neatly maintained gardens
 Driveway parking
 EPC Rating D

Refitted kitchen
Utility room, downstairs W.C.
Landscaped gardens
EPC rating to follow

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LITTLE BLOXWICH, SANSTONE ROAD

- Attractive Detached Bungalow
 Good Sized Corner Plot
 Deceptively Spacious
 Dual Aspect Lounge

- Two Double Bedrooms
 Detached Garage
 EPC Rating D

Great Wyrley Office - £249,950



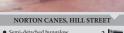




BURNTWOOD, POOLES WAY

- Extended semi detached Dormer
- Kitchen dining room
- Front and rear gardens
 Garage and driveway
 Sought after location
- Epc rating to follow

- GREAT WYRLEY, LOVE LANE Semi-detached bungalow
- Sought after location Two double bedroom:
- In need of modernisation • Lounge, kitchen / diner
- No upward chain EPC rating to follow



- Semi-detached bungalow Cul-de-Sac location
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- No onward chain
- EPC rating D





Off road parking

NO UPWARD CHAIN

• EPC rating D

Well maintained detached

Sought after location
 Two reception room



CHESLYN HAY, WESTBOURNE AVENUE

- Semi-detached bungalow 2 Spacious lounge
- Kitchen / dining room Driveway parking / garag
- EPC Rating D

Great Wyrley Office - £119,995





BLOXWICH, GLASTONBURY CRESCENT

- Impressive Mid Terraced House
 Fitted Kitchen with Hob & Oven
- Lounge & Separate Dining Room Conservatory
- Bathroom with Separate Shower
 No Upward Chain
 EPC Rating C



SHARESHILL, 'POLLY COTTAGE'

- Semi rural location Good overall plot
- Open plan kitchen / family room
- Utility, guest WC, conservatory Detached double garage
- · EPC rating D



CHESLYN HAY, GLENTHORNE DRIVE

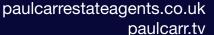
- Well presented semi Prime village location

- Superb rear garden











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- Lounge, WC
- Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway
- · Viewing Recommended

HEDNESFORD

CHANCERY DRIVE



- Open Field Views
- Generous Extended
- Hallway
- Lounge. WC



- Kitchen/diner
- 5 Bedrooms • Shower Room

CANNOCK HEDNESFORD



- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Dine

- 4 Bedrooms
- Drive, Carport
- Viewing Recommended

CANNOCK DARTMOUTH ROAD







• Utility Room, WC

• 3 Bedrooms

- Traditional Family Home Sought After Location
- Porch, Through Hall
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Office, Kitchen
- Driveway

HEDNESFORD

LOWER ROAD







- Traditional Semi
- 2 Reception Rooms
- 3 Bedrooms
- Landscaped Garden
- · Refitted Shower Room
- Detached Garage Workshop

SHOAL HILL





- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Entrance Hallway.
- Kitchen,
- Refitted Bathroom. • Two Double Bedrooms
 - Gardens
- Detached Single Garage

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RUSHTON ROAD





- Modern New Build Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge Diner
- 3 Bedrooms

- Enclosed Rear Garden
- · Viewing Essential

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RAWNSLEY RAWNSLEY ROAD

- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen, Utility

- Large Rear Garden
- Hednesford Hills
- - Bathroom Apartment
- Lounge Diner

HUNTINGTON

VIOLET CLOSE

- Allocated Parking
 - Communal Garden

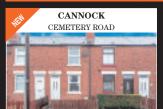


- Extended Bungalow
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner 2 Bedroon



- Garage • Gardens
- NO CHAIN

CHESLYN HAY



- Lounge
- Dining Room
- 2 Bedrooms • Ideal First Time Buy

CANNOCK

BEVAN LEE ROAD

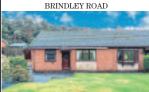


• 3 Bedrooms

Refitted Bathro

- Home Standard
- Lounge, WC
- Conservatory
 - Rear Garden

HEDNESFORD



- Through Hallway Lounge/diner
- - NO CHAIN!

BURNTWOOD

• Driveway

• Garage

HOLLY GROVE LANE



- Spacious Bungalow
- Refitted Bathroom · Hall, Kitchen · Driveway, Garage
- Lounge/Dining Room
 - Private Garden • G.C.H. D.Glazed

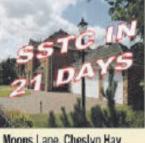
CANNOCK SYCAMORE GREEN



- Fully Refurbished
- Hallway, Guests WC
- Lounge, WC
- Kitchen/Diner



- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden



Moons Lane, Cheslyn Hay £495,000

£265,000

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- Centre Location
 - Dining Room
- 3 Bed Semi
 - Bathroom • Gardens

CANNOCK ULLSWATER PLACE



- Through
- Study Area
- Hallway, WC Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen • 3 Bedrooms.

HEATH HAYES CHARTERFIELD DRIVE



- 3 Bed Detached
 - Garage Conversion
- Lounge

CANNOCK

JOHN STREET



- 3 Bed Detached • 3 Bedrooms
- Porch, Hall Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen

CANNOCK

· Gardens. Garage

• Bathroom

- Chain Free

HEDNESFORD ST.FRANCIS CLOSE



- 4 Bed Detached
- Lounge,
- Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility • Hall, Guests WC Conservatory • Bathroom
 - En-Suite



- Detached Bungalow
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms



- Driveway

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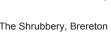
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£117.500



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£219.950



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Swan Close, Brereton



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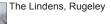
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£109.950

Main Road, Brereton

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Talbot Street, Rugeley

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£239.950



Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well

presented three bedroom end terraced property, located in a quiet cul de sac. Accommodation having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge, Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking and Garden to real £149.995



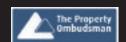
West Butts Road, Etching

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Bower Lane, Etching Hill



. JR Properties are pleased to offer this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, with open aspect to countryside to the front. Having Porch, Entrance Hall, Breakfast Kitchen and Lounge, Landing to Three good sized Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear.NO UPWARD CHAIN



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£212,500



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Sycamore Crescent,

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_ower Birches Way, Rugeley

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Lower Fufin, Hawksyard



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Ashtree Bank, Brereton

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£184,950







Delafield Way, Etching Hill

JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom link detached family home, being close to local amenities. Having Hallway,Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three
Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Covered
Carport and Store Room. Gardens to front and rear. AVAILABLE WITH NO **UPWARD CHAIN**

£179,950





Sandy Lane, Rugeley

JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this good sized three bedroom family home, withing walking distance to town centre. Having Hallway, Two Reception Rooms. Fitted Kitchen, Utility and Downstairs Bathroom. Landing to Three Bedrooms and W.C Gardens and Garage with off road parking to

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Church Street, Cannock

£135,000



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, modern fitted bathroom with wash hand basin, bath and WC and on the first floor three double bedrooms. Externally to the front there is a pavel entrance courtyard, double gated shared access to the rear which is block paved. To the rear there is a driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles and enclosed private garden with a pavel entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: E.



Stag Crescent, Norton Canes £159,999



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Norton Canes, near to Norton Canes Pirmary & High School, shops and transport links. The property briefly comprise of entrance ports, family lunge and dining area, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms all of a good size, bathroom with shower, ball, wash hand besin and WC. Externally with shower, ball, wash hand besin and WC. Externally exhibit the school of the school of



Balmoral Drive, Hednesford

£162,500



Connells Estate Agents have for sale this two bedroom semi-detached bungalow located in Hednesford with NO CHAIN. The property briefly comprises of entrance NO CHAIN. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge with through conservatory, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom, drieway providing off road patriking and garage. Having AMPLE PARKING, the property benefits from having a block paved driveway providing generous parking. There is also SECURE ACCESS VIA DOUBLE GATES for



Sutherland Road, Cheslyn Hay

£169,950



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage, Energy



The Ridings, Cannock Offers Over £165,000



hallway, kitchen, lounge, downstairs WC, three bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom, front garden, rear garden and driveway providing off road



Hawthorne Road, Cheslyn Hay

£179,950



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this THREE bedroom SEMI-DETACHED property in CHESUN HAV. On the ground floor the property comprises of entrance porch, lounge/diner, modern littled kitchen and sultily/garage promy with electric roller door to the frontly with on the first floor three are startle seading to the loft come which a partially converted and has lighting and power, there from the first floor three are startle seading to the loft com which is partially converted and has lighting and power, there (subject to correct planning and permissions. Externally, to the front you have a large block paved driveway which allows side gated through to the rear garden which is mainly astro turf. Energy Rating - D.



Bridges Crescent, Norton Canes £170,000



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining area, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front garden, rear garden, block paved driveway providing off road having solar panels. Energy rating: B.



Littleworth Road, BRAND NEW BUILD £185,000



WARRANTY •• CONNELLS are delighted to bring to market this BRAND NEW three bedroom semi detached property located in Hednesford, on Littleworth Road. MUST BE SEEN TO APPRECIATE this home briefly comprises of a hallway, lounge, downstairs WC, kitchen / direct, three bedrooms with the master having an ensulte west room as well as a family batroom. Finishes include integrated washing machine, intergrated representations of the control of the property of the control of t



DETACHED BUNGALOW, Nelson Drive

£230,000



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms with a driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: D.







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Condor Grove, Heath Hayes £255,000



Internal inspection is highly recommended on this residence, set in a corner plot of a cul-de-sac the property comprises of entrance porch to hall, lounge, dining area, study, kitchen, utility, conservatory, guest cloaks, four bedrooms and family bathroom, private attractive rear gardens and to the front is ample off road parking with gardens and garage. Energy Rating: D.



Sunfield Road, Cannock £260,000



●●●Offered with NO CHAIN●●● Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC. lounge, kitchen / diner, conservatory, four bedrooms bathroom, off road parking and garage.



Marigold Close, Heath Hayes Offers Over £260,000



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for in Heath Hayes. The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen



Meriden Close, Cannock

£267,500



CONNELLS ESTATE ACENTS are excited to market for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow offered with no chain and located in SHOAL. ILL Cannock. The properly briefly comprises of retraces porch, large hall way, family locange, sitting area with skylights, diving area, modern fitted kidnen, three bedrooms all of a very good size and the third bedroom having vs and wash hand basin, pearante batthroom with shower, bath, vs. and wash hand basin. Externally to the forth there is lawn area, separate propulg up and over door. For the rear there is various paved entertaining patio areas with a mixture of shrubs and trees, there is also a side access to the front of the property and access into garage through door to side. Energy rating: E.



Poplar Lane, Cannock £290,000



sale this three bedroom detached bungalow located in hall, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage, Energy



Fremantle Drive, Heath Hayes £295,000





Bentons Lane, WITH LAND

£320,000



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached house located in Great Wyrley. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, 2nd reception room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom and loft room with sky light windows and lighting. Externally there is a long winding graveled driveway providing parking for several vehicles, with adjacent land to the side that has planning permission for a seperate three bedroom detached dwelling. Energy rating: awaited.



Turf Close, Norton Canes £335,000



CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room kitchen / diner, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy



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Jacobs Hall Lane



nmaculately presented executive detached family home Sought after location / Tastefully decorated and finishe to a high standard / Several spacious receptions rooms

Offers in Excess of £450,000

Littleworth Road

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Five bedroom detached family home / NO UPWARD CHAIN / Breakfast kitchen / Drive for r than ten vehicles / Enclosed rear garden / EPC: C

Offers in Excess of £420,000

Walsall Road



arming four bedroom detached character property / acious living and sleeping accommodation / Farmhou eakfast kitchen / Driveway with ample parking

Offers in Excess of £350,000 Bower Lane

Brereton Manor Court



lan breakfast kitchen / Good sized private rear garden / Driveway

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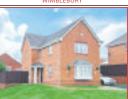
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en / High spec kitchen with sitting area and dining conserva

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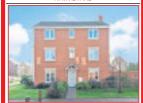
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an lounge-diner / Private rear garden / Parking for two vehicles

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Three bedroom detached house / Set on a corner plot / Spacious lounge / Open plan dining kitchen / UPVC conservatory

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Well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow / Set on la plot at end of quiet cul-de-sac / Large private rear garden / UPVC rvatory / Breakfast kitchen / Driveway providing ample pa

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garage and a driveway providing off road parking

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Lakeside Boulevard



arantee / Detached garage and off road parking

Offers in Excess of £160,000

Hednesford Road



oom semi-detached house / Modern oughout / Open Plan dining kitcher

Marconi Place



LANNING PERMISSION FOR SUBSTANTIAL EXTENSION • • NO ONWARD CHAIN / Good sized private rear gard

Anglesey Street

Hednesford Road



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Chapel Street



Hindley View

Pinewood Avenue



olan lounge-diner / Modern fitted kitch ersized garage and driveway providing off road parki

£140.000 Bath Road

Stevens Drive



sidential area / NO CHAIN & VACANT POSSESSION

Broad Street

Pheasant Way



Spacious lounge-diner / Off road allocated parkin





fitted kitchen / Allocated parking space

Offers in the Region Of £80,000

Park Road



Second floor apartment / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Ideal for first time buyers / Allocated parking for one vehicle / EPC: C Offers in Excess of £80,000

Elliott Close



Two bedroom end terraced house / Newly fitted kitchen / Spacious lounge Private rear garden / Allocated parking

Apple Walk

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tchen and bathroom / Good sized private rear gard

Barnard Way

Edward Street



& Sleeping Accommodation / Modern Kitchen & Bathroon

Cannock Road



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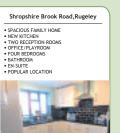
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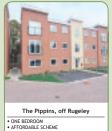






















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Those who buy a new 17-plate Vauxhall between March 17 and 21 will be treated to this exciting offer and will drive off with a pre-paid debit card to spend on anything they want.

This exciting offer is available across much of the Vauxhall range, including the Mokka X, ADAM and award-

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What's more, with a £500 pre-paid debit card with every new 17-plate Astra sold during the event, families will be able to make more of days out

In addition to the £500 spending money, customers will also be able to take advantage of Vauxhall's 20 per cent discount on all genuine

and approved Vauxhall accessories including sat navs, iPhone/iPad cradles and cargo liners, when they purchase a new car or van during the event. These deals are on top of Vauxhall's existing range of available

What's more, customers who buy a new Vauxhall during the event could also see a saving of up to £500 on models such as the Corsa VXR ahead of the new tax changes, which will come into force in April.

Marathon man Dave hits the road with Sandwell Garages Blind Dave Heeley is well known locally for his fundraising for charity and Sandwell Garages of West Bromwich are very happy to keep him on the road. They are the ones who recently supplied him with his Motability car. Dave loves to run marathons, including being the first and only blind person in the world to have completed seven marathons, in seven days on

seven marathons, in seven days on seven different continents.

He's given broadcaster Adrian Goldberg a haircut and has even flown a plane! "He has done so much," said Pravin Mistry, the Sandwell Garages Motability Adviser. "With his dedication to helping others, I'm surprised he's never been nominated for an M.B.E. or something."

Dave was very pleased to receive his new Motability Vauxhall Zafira. The Motability Scheme was first set up in 1978 and enables people to use their government-funded mobility allowance to drive a new vehicle. And as Dave knows, with Motability at Sandwell, you can lease a brand-new Vauxhall every three years.

The scheme is all inclusive. The insurance, breakdown assistance, servicing and maintenance is all included in the price. And this applies to two named drivers. Everything is taken care of, you just add fuel and go. With Vauxhall Motability, you have Vauxhall OnStar's protection, where



Dave Heeley with Pravin Mistry, Sandwell Garages motability adviser

you simply press a button on the overhead console and speak to a trained Vauxhall OnStar advisor anytime, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And in the event of an accident where the airbags are deployed, it will trigger automatically and people will quickly come to your aid.

It's the sort of personal help that Sandwell's Motability adviser Pravin is able to explain to their Motability customers, guiding them through the process to having their own Vauxhall

Motability vehicle. Pravin's help enables Dave to concentrate on the important things, and for him that is his 24 Great Runs Series 2017.

It's to raise funds for The Albion Foundation which uses football and the link with West Bromwich Albion to make a difference in the local community. You can read more about it and make a donation by going to the Just Giving website at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ blinddavegreatrunseries2017.



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Meanwhile, the price of a typical litre of diesel stood at 122.25p, while a year ago it was 101.31p, almost 21p

Stable

There was some good news for hard-pressed drivers during February, however, with the stats revealing that fuel prices were at least stable during the month.

And looking back to December 1, 2014, unleaded cost 121.18p a litre, while diesel was 126.11p – both figures higher than they are today. It now costs £66.13 to fill an

It now costs £66.13 to fill an average petrol-powered family car, as opposed to £55.91 a year ago. Meanwhile a driver will be forking out £67.24 to fill a typical diesel-engined car, compared to £55.72 at the start of March last year.

All figures assume a car has a 55-litre fuel tank.

Although they're higher than they were a year ago, the recent stabilisation of prices has been put down to settled conditions in the markets



Motorists have seen a big hike in fuel prices

RAC fuel spokesman Simon
Williams said: "While the price of oil
has shot up by 10 US dollars (£8.18)
since the end of November when
many oil-producting countries agreed
to curb production, it appears to have
settled around the 55 US dollars (£45)

mark which will be a relief to motorists who no doubt felt forecourt prices were constantly heading in the wrong direction.

"Filling up an average car is sadly now £11 more expensive than a year ago."



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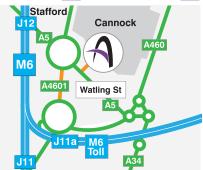
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Nissan X-Trail 4Dogs: The 'pawfect' car for families

Almost every dog owner considers their pet to be part of the family, research has revealed. The vast majority also say they would buy a new car which has more dog-friendly features.

To meet their demands, Nissan has unveiled a unique new model – the X-Trail 4Dogs concept – demonstrating that its flagship crossover is the perfect car for family adventures, particularly ones involving those with four legs.

The X-Trail 4Dogs is the ultimate dog-friendly crossover, with a boot that's been completely transformed to provide a bespoke travel space for up to two animals.

The crossover's luggage compartment has been turned into a dog haven, 445 litres in size with a suite of innovative new features. Each has been carefully selected to benefit either the dog or the owner.

For example, the Nissan X-Trail 4Dogs has everything required to keep canines clean and comfortable after a long, muddy walk. Wash them off with the 360° pull-out shower, then swap for the dog dryer which delivers a jet of air to the wet fur. Pull out the slide-away ramp so the dogs can walk up into the boot – allowing owners to stay completely mud-free – then turn on the integrated drying system which supplies warm air into the boot space.

drying system which supplies warm air into the boot space. The dogs can settle down into the luxurious bed, help themselves to a drink from the no-spill water bowl or take a snack from the smart dog treat dispenser. Safety in transit is taken care via a clip-on harness hook.

Dogcam

As they prepare to head home, driver and front seat passenger can easily keep an eye on their pets using the innovative 'dog-cam' technology. It has been ingeniously integrated into the X-Trail's NissanConnect infotainment system, allowing owner and dog to see each other via the seven-inch dashboard display and a new 10-inch LCD screen installed into the boot. The owner can also talk to the dog via an audio link to keep it calm.

Attachments for the shower and dryer are stored in a new pullout utility drawer, easily accessible at the front of the boot. New side compartments have been added to ensure the area remains clutter-free, and can be used for storing treats, waste bags and a lead

The X-Trail 4Dogs also features a dog guard above the rear seats – a genuine Nissan accessory available for purchase. Finally, the boot has been upholstered in premium wipe-clean leather so any dirt or pet hair can easily be cleaned or removed.

Nissan engineered the X-Trail 4Dogs concept following a survey of more than 1,300 dog owners. It was carried out by The Kennel Club, the UK's largest and best-known organisation for promoting dog health and welfare.

Doctor Rachel Homeny, a vet, said: "The features in the Nissan X-Trail 4Dogs are really well-considered, and make it perfect for taking pets out in all weathers.

"In particular, the wash and dry functionality allows dogs to be dogs, so owners don't need to worry about messing up the car interior. This is a great concept that caters to the needs of man's best friend."

Ryan Gains, chief marketing manager, X-Trail, said: "It's clear from the research that for dog owners, dogs are a key part of the family

"Ensuring their pet's needs are catered for is often just as important as making sure the children are comfortable and happy.

happy.
"The Nissan X-Trail is a car that's built for family adventures, and the X-Trail 4Dogs concept takes that to the next level."
The 4Dogs has been designed with practicality in mind. The

The 4Dogs has been designed with practicality in mind. The dog bed, water bowl and treat dispenser are all easily removed to create a usable load space when the dog is not with the family.



The dogs can settle down in a luxurious bed and help themselves to water or a snack



Pull out the slideaway ramp so the dogs can walk up into the boot



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Celerio's a tight little bundle of character



The roof height allows a raised set of seats, and higher seats mean more legroom

By Matt Kimberley

Take the Alto platform, improve the rear suspension, give it much more space and lift the driving position and you'll end up with something a lot like the Celerio. But hold your horses because the new small Suzuki is worth a good deal more than the sum of its parts.

What's with the name, you ask? Well, we're told it

hints at a celestial river of stars in the sky.

Obviously. Either way, the Celerio replaces both the Alto and the Splash.

It's just about wider than it is tall, but thanks to the new, more advanced rear suspension it's much more stable than it might be. The roof height allows a raised set of seats, and higher seats mean more legroom - and that's the key to the Celerio's image. It's a practical five-seat car, not a feather boa-wearing

It's certainly not as pretty as the new Renault Twingo, for example, and it doesn't have the mature air of the Volkswagen Up, but its inoffensive styling hides a tight little bundle of character.

The boot is the biggest in the class: two litres bigger than the Hyundai i10's even though the Hyundai is 6cm longer overall. It's nice and evenly shaped, too; not too deep or at all hard to access.

Four adults will wonder what witchcraft is at worl



The boot is the biggest in its class

but the fact is that four average-height men can slot into the Celerio with no problem. Three children can fit across the rear bench at a squeeze, but many of the little Suzuki's rivals can't seat five at all.

There are two engines; a standard 1.0-litre that has

no trouble hustling the mere 835kg car along if you keep it above 3,000rpm, or an upgraded unit with a whisker more torque that should be a little stronger at low revs. This SZ4-spec car is powered by the former. The composure in the chassis is pretty impressive,

but what's even more so is the ride quality, which for a sub-£9,000 car riding on 14-inch alloy wheels is brilliant – testament to Suzuki's insistence on testing prototypes on UK roads.

The interior, while it makes a good first impression,

feels increasingly dated the longer you sit in it.

But it's by no means the worst in class and just

check out the level of equipment you get as standard: Bluetooth, air conditioning, DAB radio, remote central locking, a trip computer and MPG meter, USB and 12-volt sockets... the list goes on.
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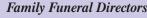
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Thomas

(Tom)

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 2, 2017, aged 73 years.

Tom was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at Stafford

All are welcome to join the All are welcome to join the Family for light refreshments at The Littleton Arms 'Coggers', Stafford Road, Huntington, Cannock, WS12 4PD.

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CARTLIDGE

THOMAS

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My heart is broken, broken in two and I, I will always always love you.

God bless. and all my love my

Your Wife Jean.

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CRABTREE

Marlene Anne

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 26, 2017, aged 78 years.

Marlene is very much loved and will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Wednesday, March 22, at 11.15 am, at Bushbury Crematorium, West Chapel.

Flowers are welcome. Donations, if preferred, can be made for Cancer Research UK.

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FISHER Alwyn Russell (Russ)

Passed away at home on March 5, 2017, aged 76 years. The Funeral Service will take place at St Michaels Church, Brereton on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 2pm, followed by the Cremation at Stafford.

Family flowers only please. Any donations received will be given to Bloodwise, these can be forwarded c/o

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Mollie Jovce

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, aged 80 years.

FLAVELL

Mollie was much loved and will be missed dearly by all or her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be held at Bushbury Crematorium, West Chapel, on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 2.15pm.

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Donations, if so desired for Macmillan Cancer Support.

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Arthur

Passed away peacefully March 2, 2017, at County Hospital, Stafford, aged 90 years.

He will be very sadly missed by all his loving Family and Friends.

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LANE Eric Thomas

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noon. Family flowers only, donations to St. Giles Hospice.

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LINNEY Margaret nee Paget

30.10.1935 - 05.03.2017.

Passed away peacefully at home in her sleep, Margaret was loved and adored by her Husband, her Daughters, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Her love and spirit will live on for evermore. evermore.

The Funeral Service will take place at Streetly Cremato-rium, West Chapel at 11.15am on Monday, March 20 and all are welcome to attend.

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Service will be held at St Aidens Church, on Tuesday, March 21, at 1.15pm, followed by Interment in Cannock Cemetery.

Family flowers only

Donations to cancer research UK

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JONES

Jean Barbara

Of Wolverhampton Road Cannock

Sadly passed away on Wednesday, February 22 2017, aged 86 years.

Now to be reunited with her beloved Husband Ron.

Jean will be dearly missed by her Daughters, Grand-children, Family, Friends and Neighbours.

Her Funeral Service took

place at St. Luke's Church on Wednesday, March 15 at 1pm followed by a Burial at Cannock Cemetery.

Donations would be appreciated for the Alzheimer's Society c/o

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Teresa

Of Hightown, Hednesford

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Gordon

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Peter

Passed away on March 1, 2017, aged 80 years.

Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at Stafford Crematorium, at 1.30pm.

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SAYER

Jennifer

Of Heath Hayes

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Brindley House 75 Broadhurst Green

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SIMKISS

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Copies of the Order may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State, National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NF4 7AR or nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk (quoting NATTRAN/WM/S247/2639) and may be inspected during normal opening hours at East Staffordshire Borough Council, The Maltsters, Wetmore Road, Burton-upon-Trent DE14 1LS.

Any person aggrieved by or desiring to question the validity of or any provision within the Order, on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the above Act or that any requirement or regulation made has not been complied with, may, within 6 weeks of 16 March 2017 apply to the High Court for the suspension or ishing of the Order or of any provision included.

G Patrick, Casework Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE





Notice is hereby given under the provisions of Section 38 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, that the Cannock Chase District Council, acting as billing authority, did on 22nd February 2017, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, set for the chargeable year beginning on 1st April 2017, the following amounts for each category of dwelling as shown below.

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DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC A34 MILL STREET, CANNOCK

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council on 14 March 2017 made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any whicle from proceeding in that length of A34 Mill Street in Cannock between Queens Square Roundabout and A34 Walsall Road unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes.

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The order will come into operation on 20 March 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date taking place nightly between 19:00 hours and 06:00 hours. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 31 March 2017.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the carriageway resurfacing works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 199 DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC PARK GATE ROAD, CANNOCK

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council on 14 March 2017 made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Park Gate Road in Cannock from its junction with Gilwell Road to its junction with Baden Powell Road unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be available.

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The order will come into operation on 20 March 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 21 April 2017.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

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- 3. Any person who desires to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the grounds that any requirement of those sections or of Parts I, II, and III of Schedule 9 of the Act or any regulations made under the said Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act has not been compiled with in relation to the Order way, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, make an application for the purpose to the High Court.
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Practice is all important before a fixture

Aussie rules in a game? where going is tough

football team in Wolverhampton. But did you know there is another football team in the city, also named after Wolves, and play in gold and black as well?

But this team doesn't play with 11 players on the pitch, or in the English football pyramid for

the pitch, or in the English football pyramid for that matter. Instead they go by the rules of Australian football, where you can pass with your fists and tackle someone off the ball. Introducing Wolverhampton Wolverines Australian Football Club, who for the last eight years have been representing the city in the Antipodean version of the sport, which is 'rougher and tougher'. Here they field nine players on rugby pitches where they have to score between four posts instead of two. The team was founded in 2009 by PE teacher Ian Mitchell from Codsall and in that time the team's popularity has continually grown. ularity has continually grown.

Charity

Wolverines play in the Australian Football League Central and Northern England division, and last year came close to winning it. They are currently in pre-season and soon will host a charity shield compe-tition in aid of Balls to Cancer, where teams from all over the country will come to the Black Country to

compete.

AFL Football has been described as a mix of sports by Mitchell, as it combines styles from English foot-

by Mitchell, as it combines styles from English foot-ball, rugby and basketball.

"It is a lot rougher than football or rugby," he said.
"You are allowed to knock people out the way and tackle people off the ball to within five metres," he said. "It combines a variety of sports, there are ele-ments of basketball, rugby and football. There are also a wide variety of strengths that are useful to have in the game.

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"In midfield it helps to have tall and short players. Tall players help to eatch the ball and pass it to their team at the start of the match, which is kicked off with the ball being thrown in the air. But small play-ers are quick and able to find space to run with the ball."

There is no goalkeeper in AFL, but there are defenders, midfielders and attackers. Traditionally the

SPORTING MEMORIES

"It is a lot rougher than football or rugby. There are a wide variety of strengths that are useful to have in the game"

sport is played as 18-a-side in Australia, Ian said, but because it is a 'minority sport' here, he says it would be hard to field that many players at the moment. He set up Wolverines following a trip to Australia in 2006, after he had finished his university education. During his year-long journey, where he travelled with friends from Melbourne to the East Coast and West Coast, he developed a passion for the game. "I found I wasn't enjoying playing football anymore," said Ian. "I was watching a lot in Australia and also played a bit there."
When he came back to the West Midlands, Ian joined an AFL team in Birmingham before setting up Wolverhampton Wolverines.
Since then he says there have been around 70 dif-

Since then he says there have been around 70 different players who have come through the team, with some going on to represent Great Britain at international level.

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"Last season several of our senior men became European champions with the Great Britain Bulldogs and one of our girls did the same with the Great Britain Swans," said Ian. "This season several of the senior men are hoping to be selected to go down to Australia in August to represent Great Britain in the International Cup."

He said the club was now focusing on producing women's and junior teams. The club used to play their home games at Wolverhampton and Willenhall Rugby Club but now they are based at Bloxwich Rugby.

Wolverines compete in the AFL England's Central and Northern League, where they compete against Birmingham, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Huddersfield, Merseyside and Tyne Tees.



Contact is not a problem in the Aussie game

Baggies heroes line up for charity clash

'SUPER' Bob Taylor, 'Big Dave' Darren Moore and 'Great Escape' hero Geoff Horsfield are among a strong Baggies line-up for a charity game in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice next month.

Former skipper Moore has been putting the Albion XI together to compete against a team of Stourbridge legends on Sunday, April 2 at the War Memorial Athletic Ground at Amblecote.

Also joining the Baggies line-up are Scotland international Nigel Quashie, Wales striker Andy Johnson, Ian Hamilton, keeper Jonathan Gould, father to Glassboys' current no 1 Matt, ex-Coventry and Blues frontman Dele Adebola, Danish shot-stopper Brian Jensen, Daryl Burgess and Paul Peschisolido.

schisolido. Sponsorship opportunities for local businesses and for children to be mascots on the day are available. Call Amanda Bowen on 01384 377778. The game will kick off at 2.30pm, with entry into the ground at £5 for adults aged 16 plus, and free for under-16s. The game will be preceded by a big family fun day from 1pm. The debut event in April 2016 raised almost £15,000 and ended 1-1, with Bob Taylor and Damian Whitcombe on target in front of more than 2,000.

BCT's Sandland picks up aquathion bronze

BLACK Country triathletes contended with low temperatures, wind and rain, as well as competitive fields as the spring duathlon season in the UK $\,$

rain, as well as competitive neius as the spring quantion season in the Crapt under way.

Paul Rogers travelled to Cheshire to compete in the standard distance ITU World Championship Qualifier at Oulton Park which consisted of an 8.6km run, a 38.8km bike followed by a 4.3km run. He came home in 1.57.09, 38th overall and third in the MV50 age group.

The Mallory Park Racing Circuit in Leicestershire was the venue of choice for three of the junior male BCT athletes who competed in the GoTri Duathlon consisting of a 3km run, 11km bike and a 2km run. Despite the awful conditions all but in a sterling performance with Reece Ashfield finawful conditions all put in a sterling performance with Reece Ashfield fin-ishing fourth place in 39:21, Ollie Mason came 12th in 45:27 and Ollie Evans 24th in 50:09.

Evans 24th in 50:09.

Noah Sandland, from BCT's junior section, was the only club competitor racing in the Burntwood Aquathlon, but claimed a bronze medal for his third-place finish for his age group, completing a 400m swim in 5:58, followed by a 3k run in 15:31 giving an overall race time of 21:29. The BCT Aquathlon which is on Saturday March 25 at Wombourne Leisure Centre.

Tennis club serves up new chairman

WOLLASTON Lawn Tennis Club has signed in a new chairman.
Retired headteacher Alan Hughes has taken over the role following the club's AGM.

Hughes, who has been a playing member at the Wollaston Club for the

Hughes, who has been a playing member at the Wollaston Club for the last eight years, and has been the men's team captain for the past two seasons, takes on the role from lifetime member John Cutler.

Hughes said Cutler had been chairman through an exciting and busy period for the club. He said: "The club is in a very strong position with a hard working voluntary committee that has overseen the refurbishment of the clubhouse, four courts and a re-surfaced entrance to the premises. "By next spring the club is hoping to have completed further substantial investment in the refurbishment of the remaining four courts with new high lighting."

high lighting."

The Prestwood Drive club boasts excellent facilities and provides an array of competitive team tennis, social tennis for all abilities as well as excellent opportunities for junior development. Hughes added: "Membership is thriving but there is always room for people of all ages and abilities."

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An attempted drop goal by Burntwood's Owen Rookyard fell short. However, Rookyard regained possession on his own 22m line and ran through to the Harborne 22m line before feeding Neil Holden to score wide out on the left. An excellent conversion from Aaron Dunet levelled the scores. Then Burntwood went in front when Holden's second try was again converted by Dunet.

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Burntwood were penalised from the restart for pulling down a maul and a quick penalty led to an unconverted Harborne try.

Burntwood began the second half

Burntwood began the second naive with a bang. Inter passing by the forwards again gave Rookyard the space for a break, and from the resultant ruck on the Harborne line Ben Holt dived over for a try converted by Dunet.

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A series of half breaks and quickly recycled ruck ball resulted in Sean Latham adding the bonus point try which Dunet converted. Both sides then lost cohesion until Dunet added a long range penalty.

A series of errors from dropped balls and forward passes prevented further scores, until, with 10 minutes to go Burntwood were penalised for an offside. A quickly taken tap penalty resulted in a Harborne unconverted try.

Harborne unconverted try.
With time running out Burntwood
were awarded a penalty. Ben Holt kicked
to touch and a clean take by Graham
Shelley resulted in a drive to the line.
When the ball emerged from the maul
James Langford was on hand to score
under the posts, Dunet converted.

Added time allows Minto to fire home **leveller for Haves**

Leicester Road 1 Heath Hayes 1 KYLE Minto grabbed a last-second equaliser for Hayes in the fifth minute of time added on.

It was a case of what goes round, comes round, as Hayes were the victims in a similar situation at Bromsgrove a

in a similar situation at Bromsgrove a fortnight ago.

Road needed a victory to close the gap at the top of the table to two points and lay siege on the visitors' goal. However, keeper Mark Wiggin produced a string of

keeper Mark Wiggin produced a string of saves to frustrate the home side.

He could do nothing about the 27th-minute opener, though, as a superb cross from the dangerous Amirvir Sandhu allowed skipper Greg Downes to ghost in at the far post and head home from point blank range.

When Nick Hawkins crashed an 80th minute penalty against the bar it spurred on the visitors and they finished the game the stronger.

Wiggin sent a free-kick into the penalty of the penalty against the penalty sent a free-kick into the penalty sent a free-kick into the penalty service.

Wiggin sent a free-kick into the pen-alty area, ome keeper Will Highland missed his punch and Minto poked home. Hayes were at Studley on Tuesday and

entertain Stafford Town on Saturday.

Trophy-winning trio mix it with stars



From left, Lloyd, Lowe and Shellev Pic: Tony Else

STARS of the motorbike world were on hand to present some of the region's finest club racers with their championship trophies.

The Moat House Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent staged The Stars at Darley and Club Championship Presentation of Awards and Annual Dinner.

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Staffordshire's Lloyd Shelley and Andrew
Lowe, and the Black Country's Neil Lloyd claimed
their first, second and third place awards.
Trophies were presented by Ben and Tom Birchall, last year's World F2 Sidecar Champions,
Brierley Hill's Michael Rutter, a multiple Stars
at Darley winner, and last year's Stars at Dar-

ley champion Peter Hickman, from Burton upon

Trent.

Darley Moor spokesman Brian George said more than 350 people attended, including Stuart Hicken, team manager at Hawk Racing and Neil Tuxworth, team manager of Honda's British-based team in Louth, Lincolnshire, who was honoured for his 20 years in racing.

Lloyd, 46, from Wednesbury, finished both the Pre 98's Up to 500cc and Lightweight series in second place.

Survival bid takes a blow with 5-3 loss

Deeside Ramblers 5 Cannock 1sts 3 THIS was another important game for Cannock Hockey Club with the possibit ty of taking three points for the third week running. But despite taking an early lead, the visitors found themselves 5-1 down at one stage. With five minutes to go they nulled two grals back but the

5-1 down at one stage. With five minutes to go, they pulled two goals back, but the whistle came too early, denying Cannock a potentially great comeback.

This weekend, Cannock welcome Doncaster to Chase Park. A win for Cannock will confirm their safety.

Cannock 2nds also took an early lead, against Olton & West Warwick 2nds, but then lost shape and composure to concede three goals without reply, and they eventually ended up on the wrong end of a 7-3 scoreline. Cannock Men's 3rds travelled to rivals Beeston 3rds to continue their mission for a fourth place

3rds travelled to rivals Beeston 3rds to continue their mission for a fourth place finish and led 1-0 at half-time before adding another two goals in the second half. Beeston scored a late consolation. Cannock will need maximum points from their remaining four games to stand a chance of finishing fourth. Cannock 3rds welcomed West Bridgford 3rds to Chase Park on Sunday for a rearranged league game, which the home side won 7-1. This weekend, Cannock host Harborne and then travel to Rugby as they close in on fourth placed Rugby as they close in on fourth placed

Beeston.
Cannock 4ths' fight for survival in the Midlands Central Premier League took a blow on Saturday when they were beaten 6-0 by a strong Beeston team who are still fighting for the league title.
This weekend, Cannock are away to already relegated Sutton Coldfield, giving Cannock a great chance to take everything down to the final game when they welcome rivals Lichfield to Chase Park to end their very difficult season.
Cannock 5ths won 4-2 at Shrewsbury.

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Hednesford Town 0 Workington 2
HEDNESFORD Town slipped to a disappointing Evo-Stik Premier defeat against 10-man Workington.

The Reds played more than an hour with a man down following the 35th minute dismissal of James Earl. But

minute dismissal of James Earl. But two second half goals took them back to Cumbria with the points.

The Pitmen were almost handed the perfect start in the fifth minute as the visitors' Jacob Simpson chested the ball back past goalkeeper Aaran Taylor but, the ball was not on target.

A minute later George Washbourne lifted an effort over Taylor but the ball was cleared away from inside the six-yard box as it bounced towards goal.

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The best chance of the opening quarter went to Hednesford's Danny Glover in the 15th minute as he looked to move on to a short back header but the striker saw his shot from 12 yards turned

Pressure

Earl's dismissal came when he took exception to a foul by Washbourne and barged the Pitmen player over. But, although Hednesford applied some pressure early in the second period, the nearest they went to taking the lead was in the 56th minute as Washbourne toe-poked into Taylor's arms.

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Instead it was Workington who struck first. A free-kick into the box picked out Kyle May who saw his downward header bounce into the top corner. And the visitors doubled their lead 15 minutes from time as a long ball caught the Pitmen backtracking and Nathan Waterston nipped in to lift the ball over Crane into the net.

Ahead of the game, Pitmen brought in Louis Danquah, Bradley Peace-McDonald from Mansfield, Joe Ballinger from Barwell and George Cater from Stafford Rangers. However, due to work commitments Kyle Haynes is having to put football to one side for the remainder of the season.

The Pitmen were in Staffs Senior Cup action against Wolverhampton Sporting Community on Tuesday and travel to Coalville on Saturday.



James Earl sees red for Workington at Hednesford Town - but the visitors had the last laugh

Tennis scheme picks up national award

FREE tennis sessions served up by coaches in Lichfield have won a national award. More people have been en-couraged to take up the sport by

Beacon Park's Tennis for Free initiative than anywhere else.

The charity has now awarded

the Lichfield scheme an award for encouraging tennis par-ticipation. In February 2016,

Tennis For Free, in partnership with Lichfield District Council and Lichfield Friary Tennis Club, launched an initiative to inspire more to play the sport.

Some 300 people attended the launch event and since then, the site has had on average 60 people playing tennis every week.

James Graney, Beacon Park Tennis lead coach, said:

"Through rain or shine and even some snow, we have had youngsters and grown-ups attending every week."

In total, 647 people have started playing tennis for the first time at Beacon Park – the best figure in the UK for Tennis For Free Sessions are held from For Free, Sessions are held from 2pm every Sunday. Register at www.beaconparktennis.co.uk

Game peters out into a dour draw

Chasetown 0 Sheffield 0 WITH neither side likely to feature in the Evo-Stik First Division South playoff positions, this game was a typical end-of-season affair.

In the first half, there were only three shots on target, the closest being a Jack Langston free kick for Chasetown.

Langston free kick for Chasetown.
Sheffield were a whisker away from
taking the lead when Daniel South
headed against the post. In the final 10
minutes, a deflected Josh Ruff effort saw Christopher Butt scrambling to his right to dive on to the ball.

Scholars were at Gresley on Tuesday night. On Saturday, they host Bedworth

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